THE GAMER

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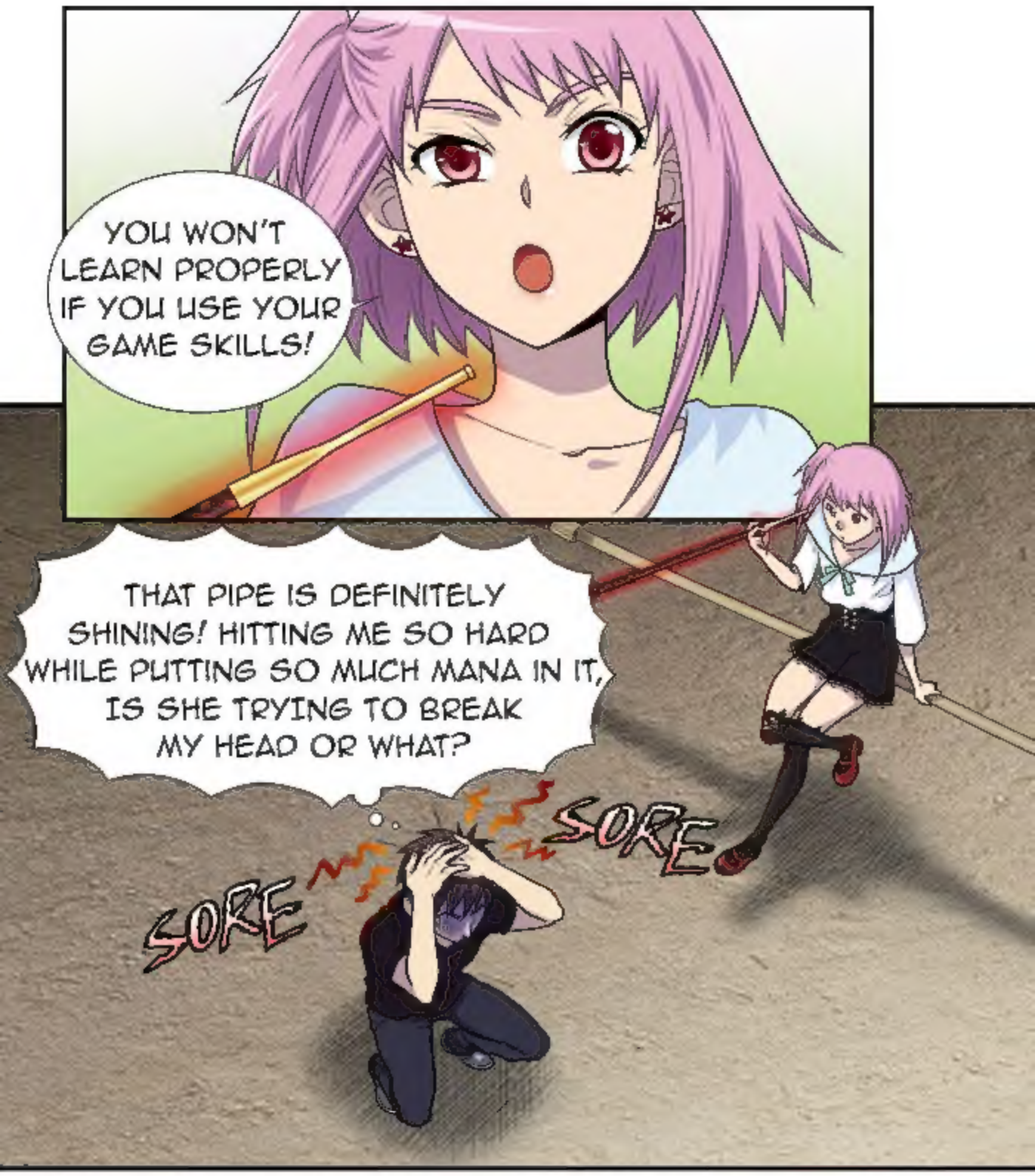
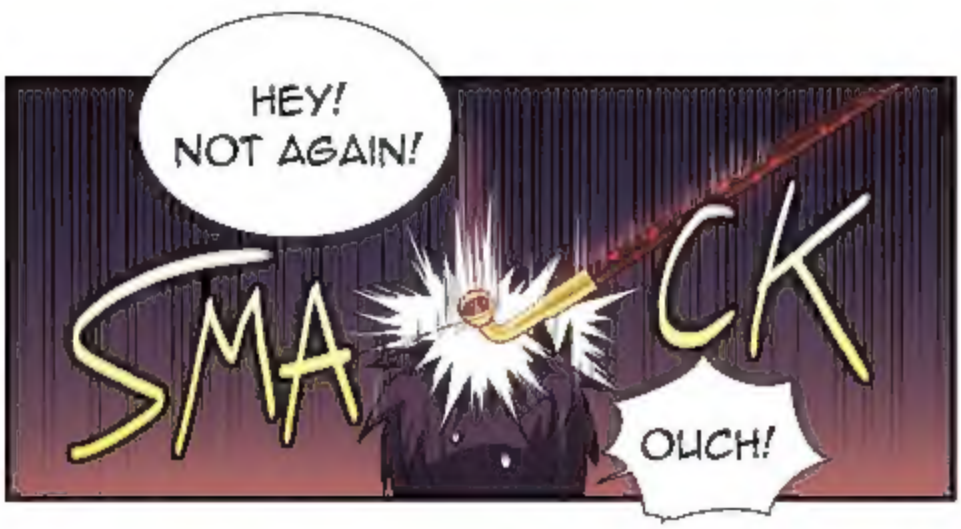
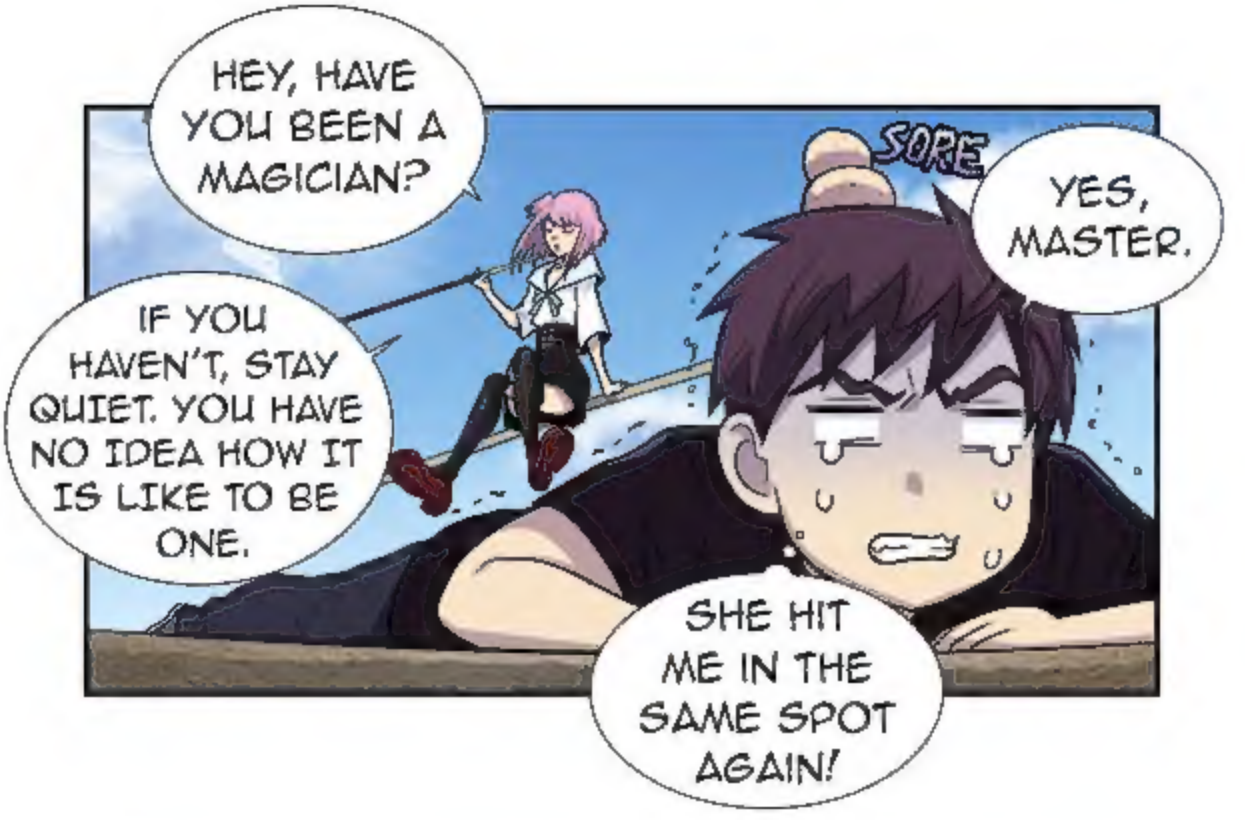
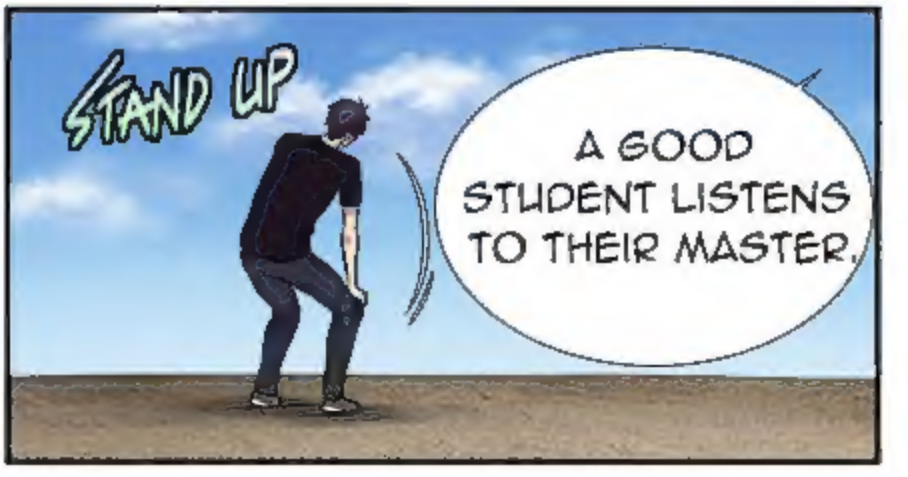
OUCH!
ARGGGG...
GLANCE
I TOLD YOU NOT TO LET YOUR MIND WANDER.

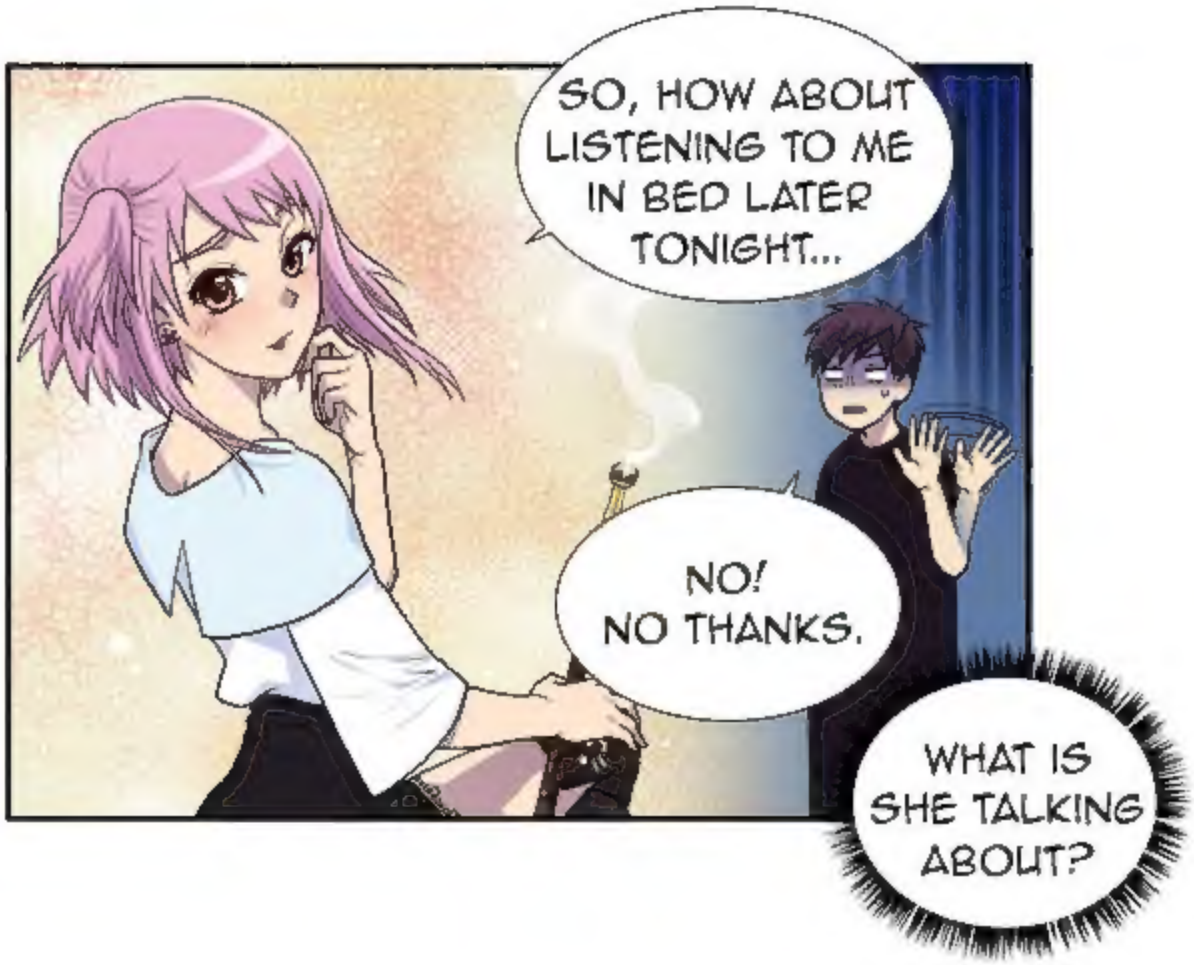

YOU WON'T LEARN PROPERLY IF YOU USE YOUR GAME SKILLS!
THAT PIPE IS DEFINITELY SHINING! HITTING ME SO HARD WHILE PUTTING SO MUCH MANA IN IT, IS SHE TRYING TO BREAK MY HEAD OR WHAT?
SORE
SORE


HEY! NOT AGAIN!
SMACK
OUCH!


HEY, HAVE YOU BEEN A MAGICIAN?
IF YOU HAVEN'T, STAY QUIET. YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW IT IS LIKE TO BE ONE.
SORE
YES, MASTER.
SHE HIT ME IN THE SAME SPOT AGAIN!

HMPH! GOOD.


STAND UP
A GOOD STUDENT LISTENS TO THEIR MASTER.


SO, HOW ABOUT LISTENING TO ME IN BED LATER TONIGHT...
NO! NO THANKS.
WHAT IS SHE TALKING ABOUT?

PSHAW.
DON'T PSHAW ME!

WELL, FINE.
THEN BACK TO FOCUSING.
OK.
RAISE

SSRR
SSS
SRR

MY MASTER HAS KEPT THE PROMISE SHE MADE AT BUKHANSAN.

SHE STARTED TEACHING ME SOME MAGIC.

BY THE WAY, YOU REALLLY ARE UNIQUE.

NORMAL PEOPLE WOULD WANT MONEY OR THINGS.

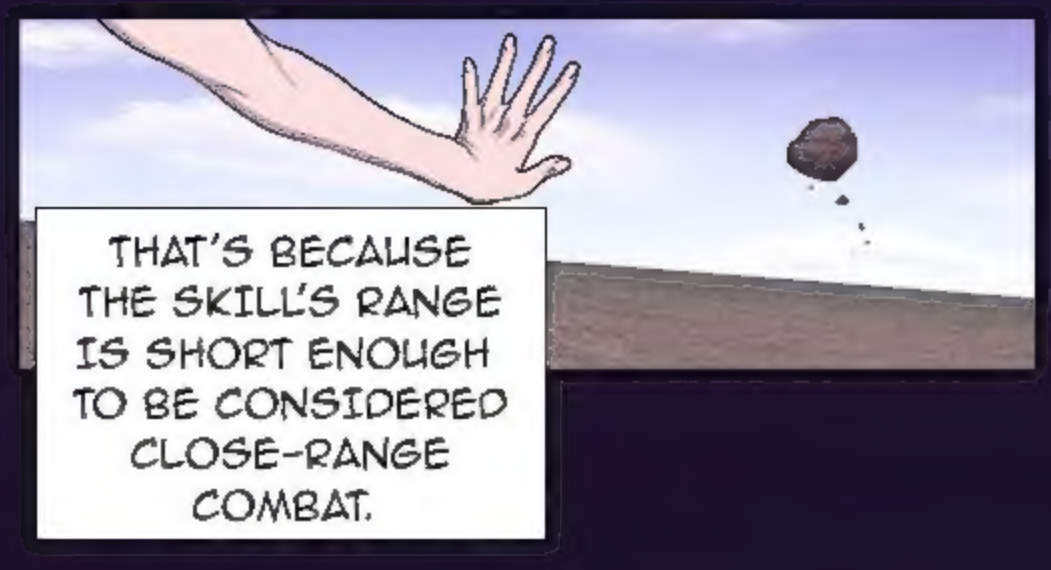
I'VE BEEN STUDYING ON MY OWN, SO...

THE SKILL THAT I'M WORKING ON IS CALLED

DUAL CASTING.

IT'S A TRAINING TO USE TWO DIFFERENT MAGIC SPELLS AT ONCE.

ACTUALLY, I HAVE SKILLS CALLED TELEKINESIS AND ENERGY DRAIN, BUT I BARELY USE IT.
IT'S ENERGY DRAIN!
IT'S A SKILL BOOK THAT ABSORBS OTHER'S HP.
WHAT?


THAT'S BECAUSE THE SKILL'S RANGE IS SHORT ENOUGH TO BE CONSIDERED CLOSE-RANGE COMBAT.

HOWEVER, THAT WAS NOT THE ONLY PROBLEM.

SINCE IT'S A LASTING SKILL,

I CAN'T USE ANOTHER SKILL WHILE I'M USING IT.

WHAT'S WORSE, THE SKILL ISN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO CRITICALLY WOUND AN ENEMY.

I LIKED IT WHEN I FIRST GOT IT.

BUT IT WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER TO USE IT OR NOT EVEN AT BUKHANSAN...

THAT'S WHY I ENDED UP OF LEARNING DUAL CASTING!
YOU REALLY HAVE TO FOCUS.
IT'S LIKE DIVIDING YOUR MIND INTO TWO.
"SPIN" IN YOUR LEFT HAND.
"DIS-COMPOSITION AND ASSEMBLY" IN YOUR RIGHT.
UNDERSTOOD?

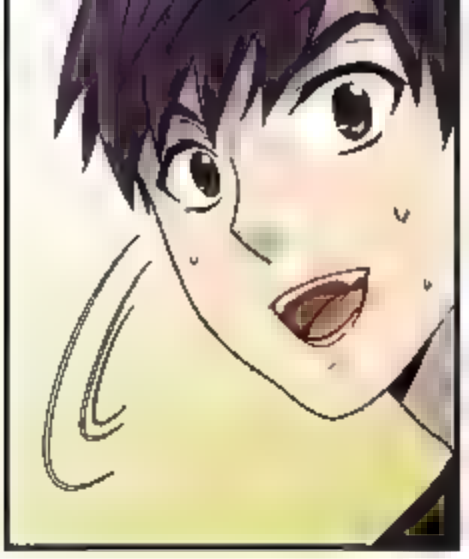
DUAL CASTING IS BASICALLY TRAINING EXTRAORDINARILY HARD IN ORDER TO USE TWO TYPES OF MAGIC AT THE SAME TIME.

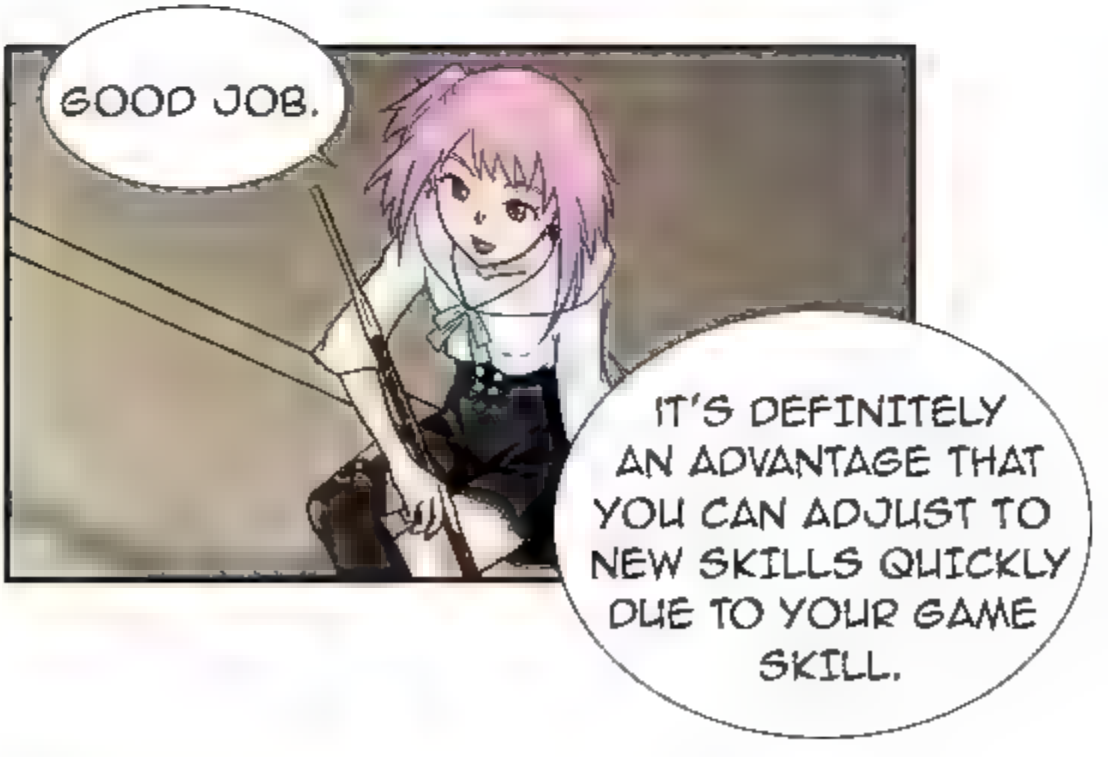
PHAT

LIGHTNING ARROW!
PZZZT
SPINNING MANA ARROW!
WHI
RRR

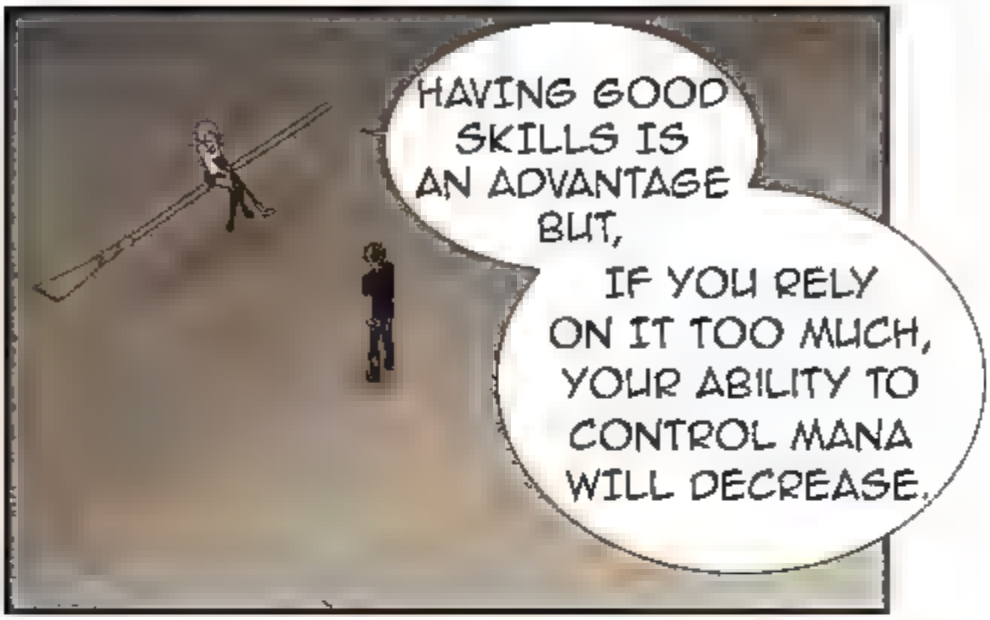
DUAL CASTING EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN INCREASED.

DUAL CASTING LEVEL INCREASED BY 1.

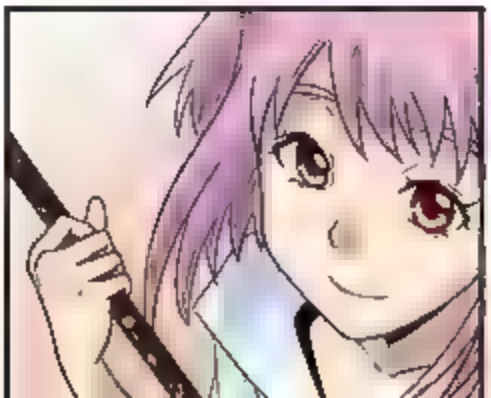


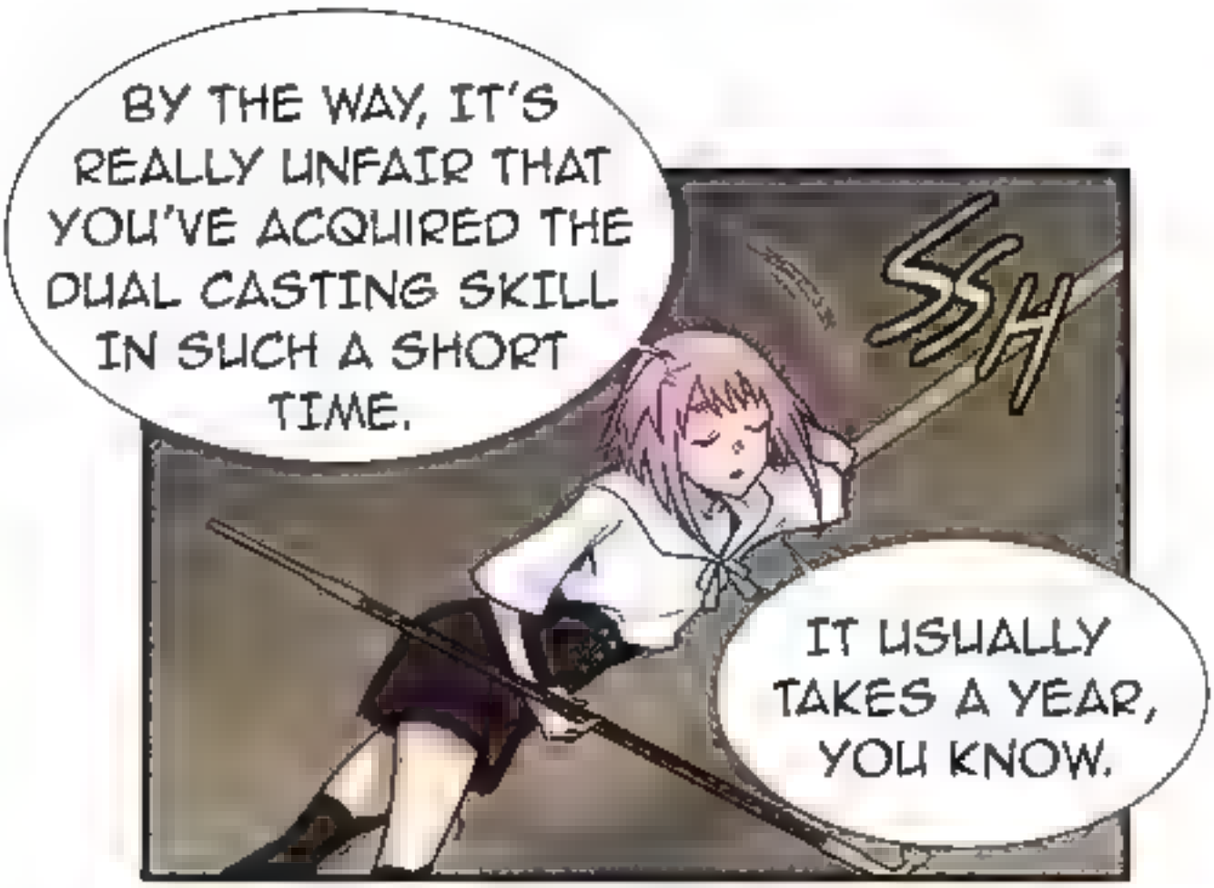

GOOD JOB.
IT'S DEFINITELY AN ADVANTAGE THAT YOU CAN ADJUST TO NEW SKILLS QUICKLY DUE TO YOUR GAME SKILL.

PHAT
PHAT
HAHA. THANK YOU.
NOT SO FAST.
YOU'VE STILL GOT A LONG WAY TO GO.
YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO PERFORM LOWEST LEVEL MAGIC LIKE THAT WITHIN 0.1 SECONDS IF YOU WANT TO BE A MAGICIAN SPECIALIZED IN LONG DISTANCE.


HAVING GOOD SKILLS IS AN ADVANTAGE BUT,
IF YOU RELY ON IT TOO MUCH, YOUR ABILITY TO CONTROL MANA WILL DECREASE.

SO, AT LEAST TRAIN LIKE THIS WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO LEARN A NEW SKILL
SO THAT IT WILL GET EASIER AND BETTER FOR YOU TO LEARN HIGHER LEVEL MAGIC LATER.
YUP!




BY THE WAY, IT'S REALLY UNFAIR THAT YOU'VE ACQUIRED THE DUAL CASTING SKILL IN SUCH A SHORT TIME.
SSH
IT USUALLY TAKES A YEAR, YOU KNOW.

WHAT? REALLY?
YES, REALLY.
IT TOOK ME AN HOUR THOUGH.

HEY GENIUS, WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

BY THE WAY, ISN'T THAT UNCOMFORTABLE?
A WITCH'S BROOM IS A PART OF HER BODY.

HAVE YOU BEEN TRAINING FOR AROUND 10 HOURS NOW?
IT'S BEEN 9 HOURS AND 32 MIN, EXACTLY.

THEN, LET'S WORK A BIT MORE TO MAKE IT 10, AND MOVE ON TO ACTUAL FIGHT SKILLS AFTER THAT.
AH, OF COURSE YOU NEED TO REST TOO.
OK.

MY MASTER PROMISED TO TEACH ME FOR 480 HOURS.
I'VE BEEN FEELING SLUGGISH LATELY.

I'LL PRACTICE HARD SO THAT I'LL BE ABLE TO USE TRIPLE CASTING AS WELL!
I WAS SO ENTHUSIASTIC AND MOTIVATED.

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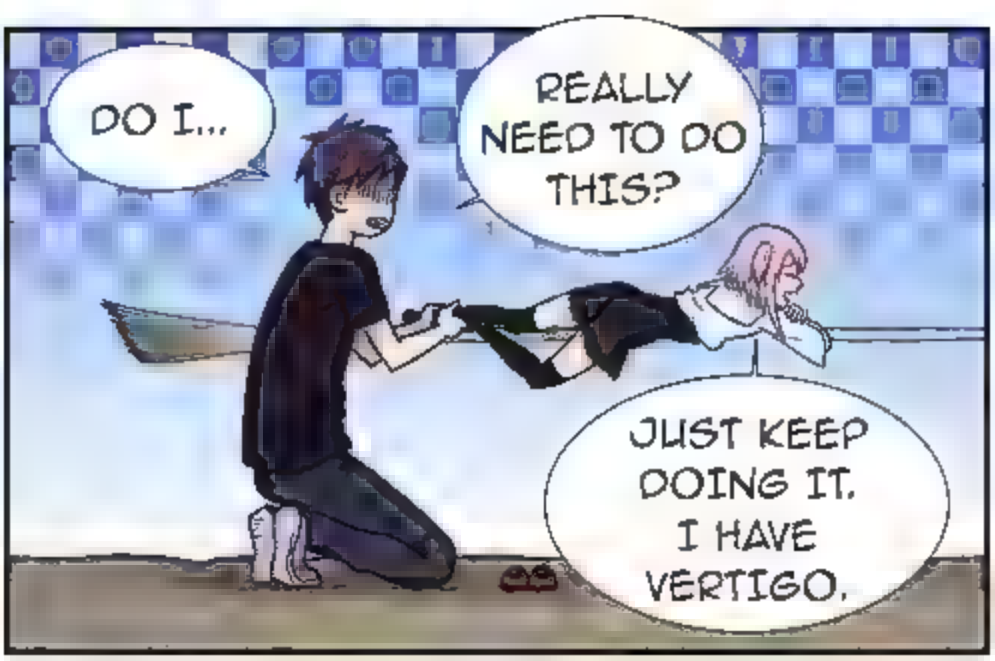
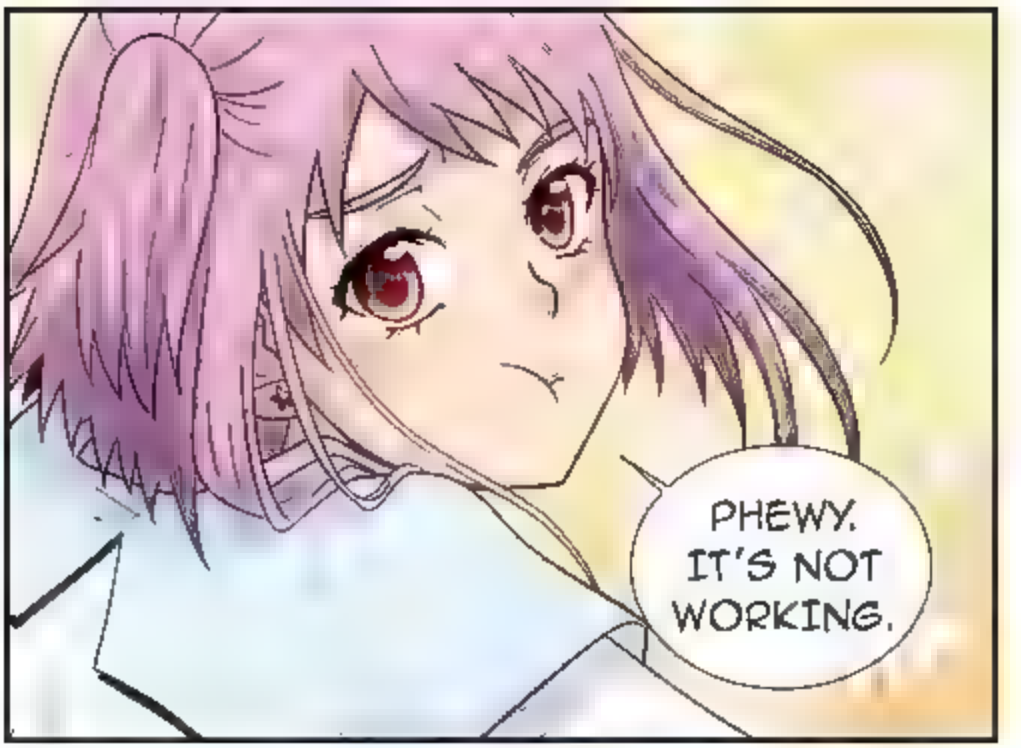
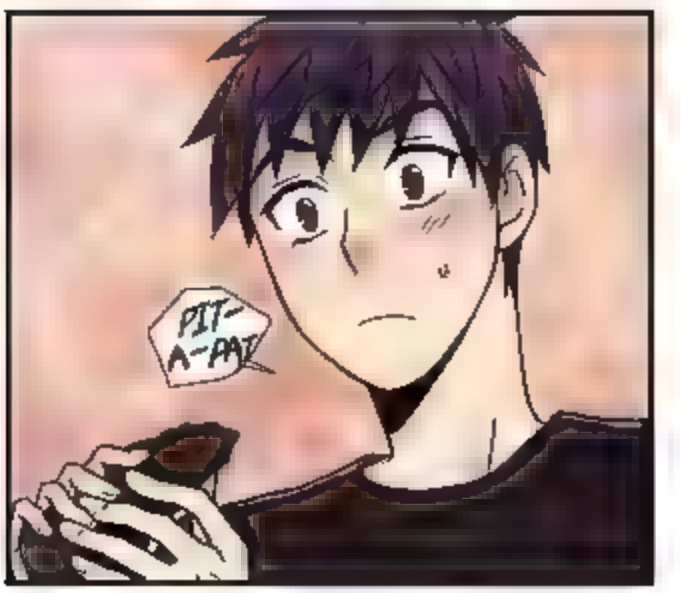
EXCUSE ME, MASTER.

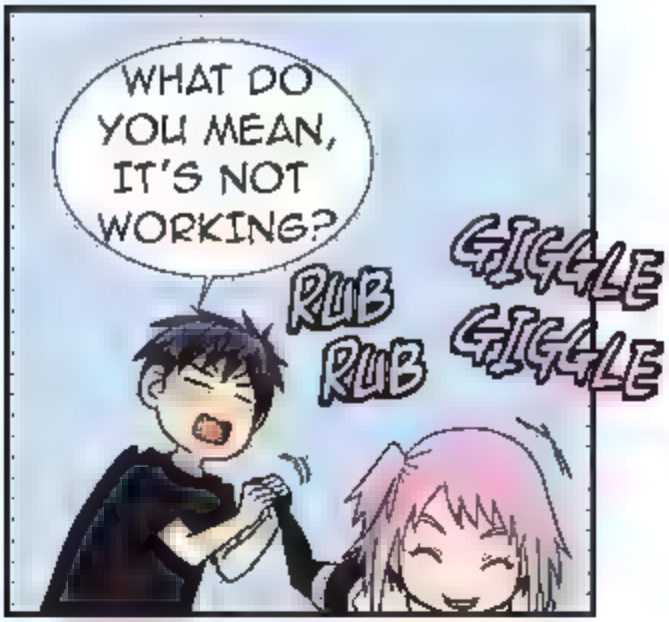
YES?

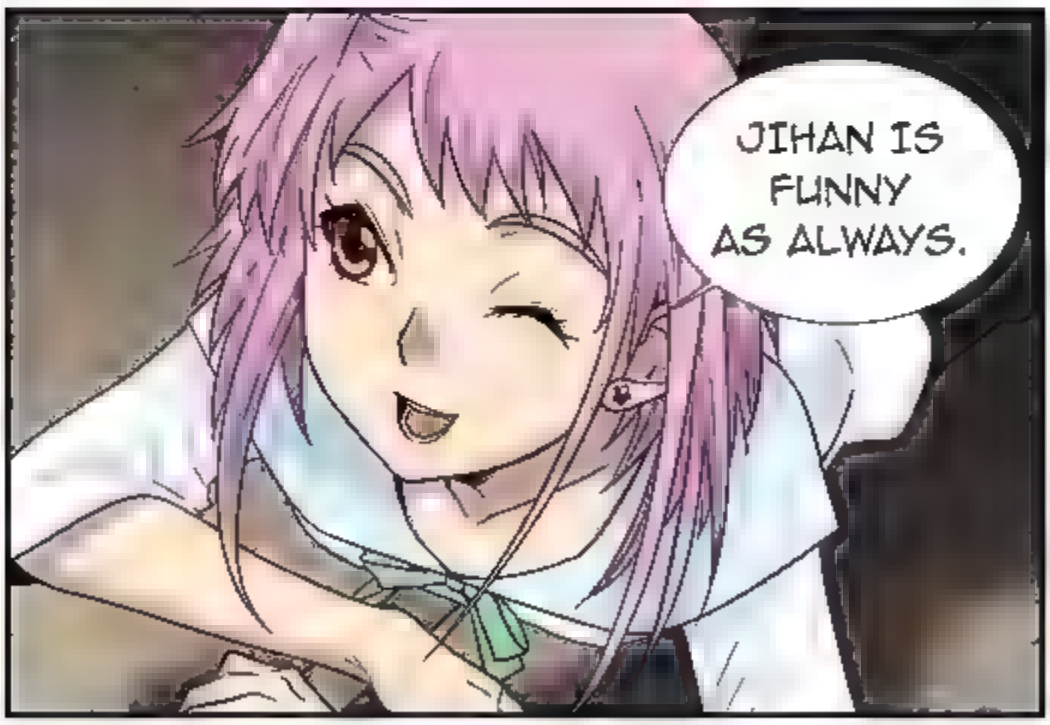

DO I...
REALLY NEED TO DO THIS?
JUST KEEP DOING IT. I HAVE VERTIGO.

WELL.. AS YOUR STUDENT, I DON'T THINK THIS IS...
FIRST OF ALL, YOU'RE A WOMAN...
THAT'S OKAY! IT'S AN UNWRITTEN RULE OF ALL AGES AND COUNTRIES THAT STUDENTS HAVE TO GIVE THEIR MASTERS MASSAGES.
I'VE NEVER HEARD THAT BEFORE!!
AH... BE GENTLE...
WHAT'S THAT HEART SHAPE FOR?


PHEWY.
IT'S NOT
WORKING.

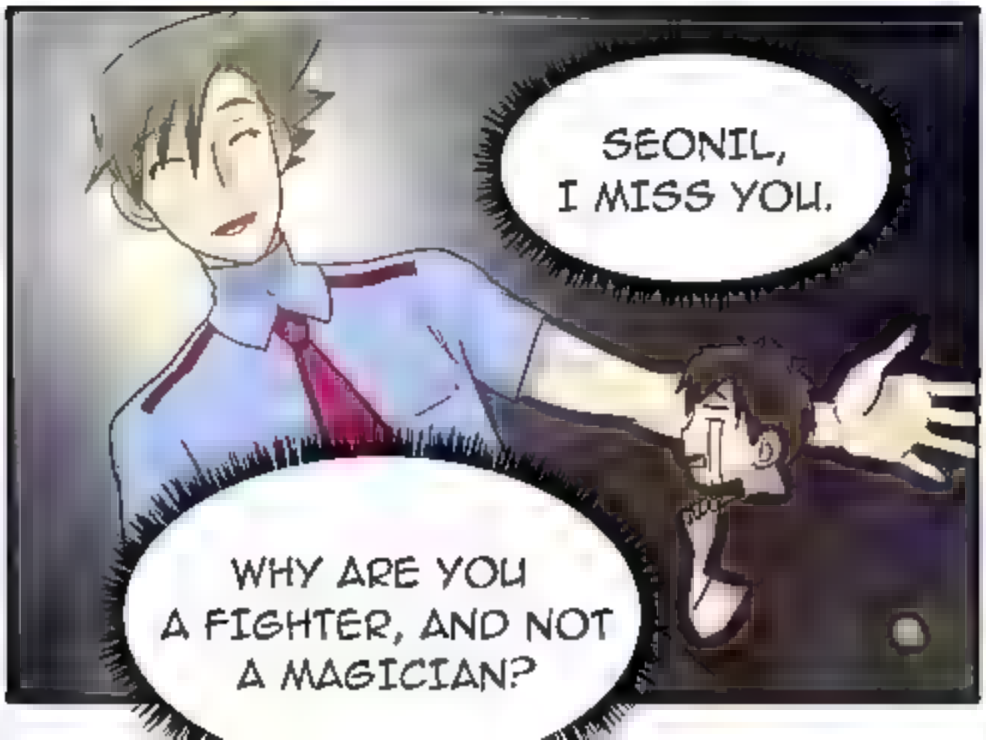

PIT-
A-PAT

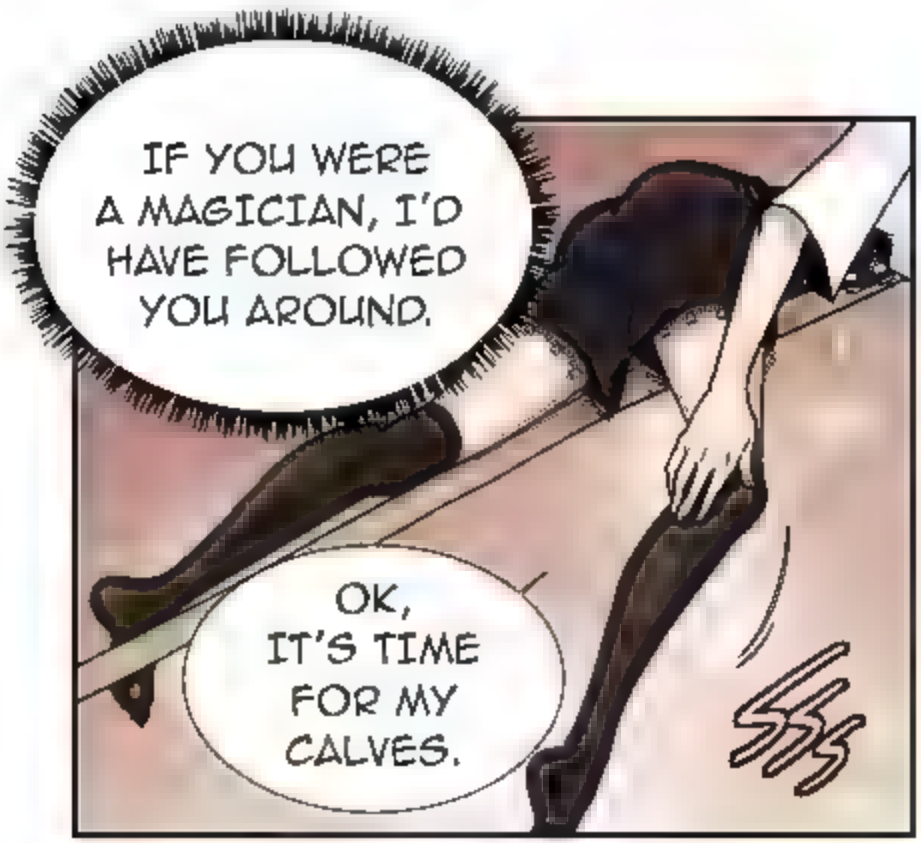

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, IT'S NOT WORKING?
RUB RUB
GIGGLE GIGGLE

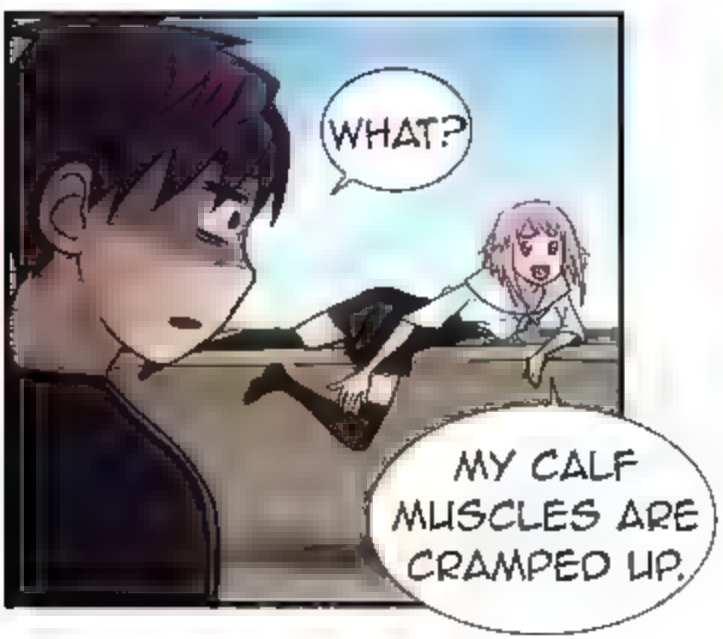

JIHAN IS FUNNY AS ALWAYS.

SURE, SURE. HAVE FUN WITH ME AND JUST PUT ME BACK IN THE RIGHT POSITION.
HOW COME I DON'T HAVE NORMAL PEOPLE AROUND ME?

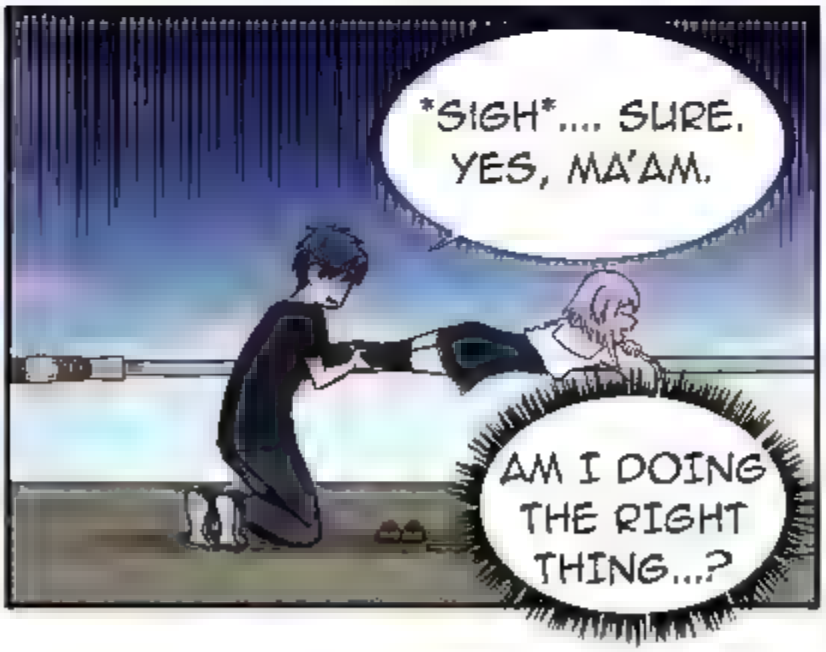
SHIYEON KWON ISN'T NORMAL AND NEITHER IS THIS ONE.


SEONIL, I MISS YOU.
WHY ARE YOU A FIGHTER, AND NOT A MAGICIAN?

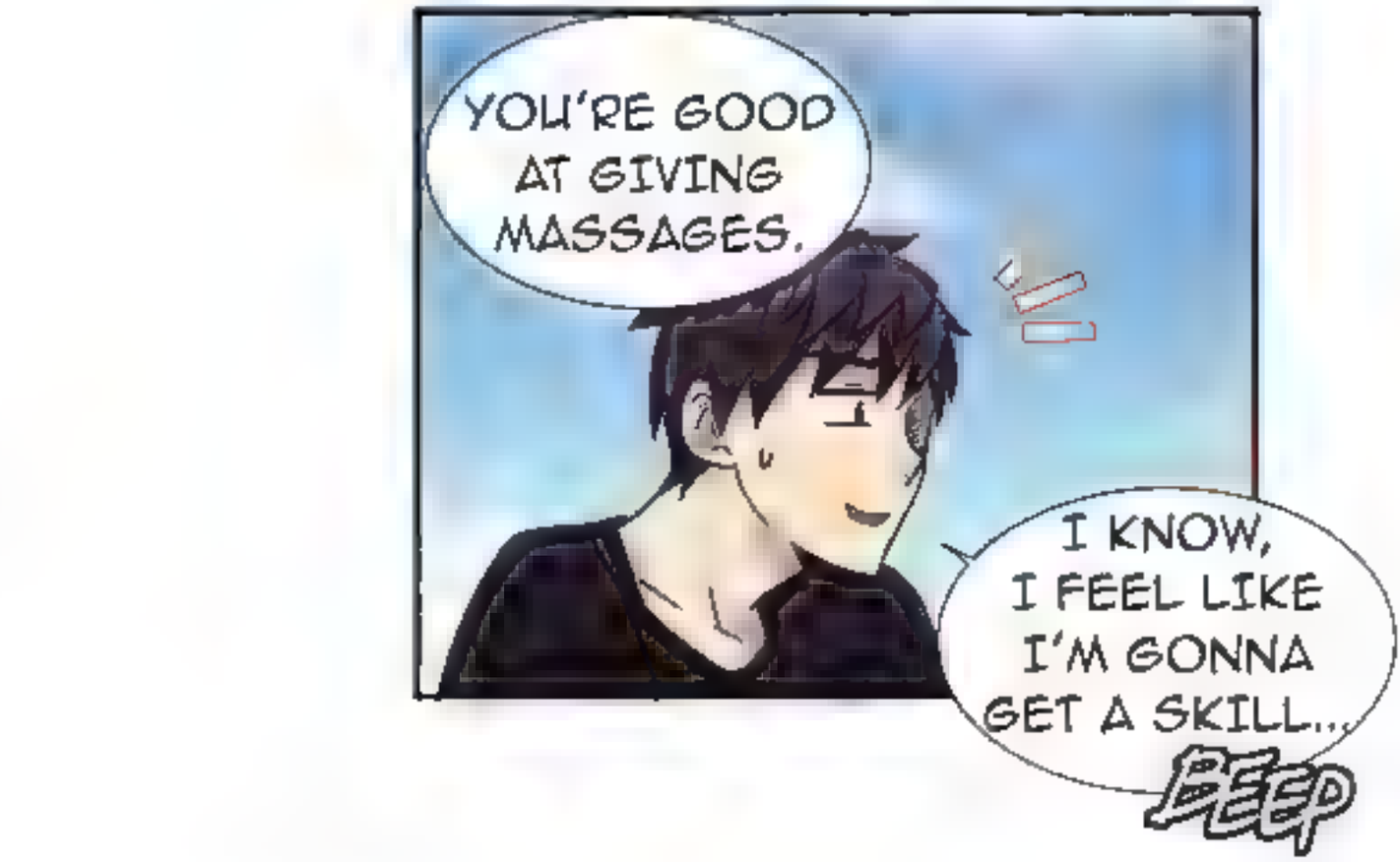

IF YOU WERE A MAGICIAN, I'D HAVE FOLLOWED YOU AROUND.
OK, IT'S TIME FOR MY CALVES.


WHAT?
MY CALF MUSCLES ARE CRAMPED UP.

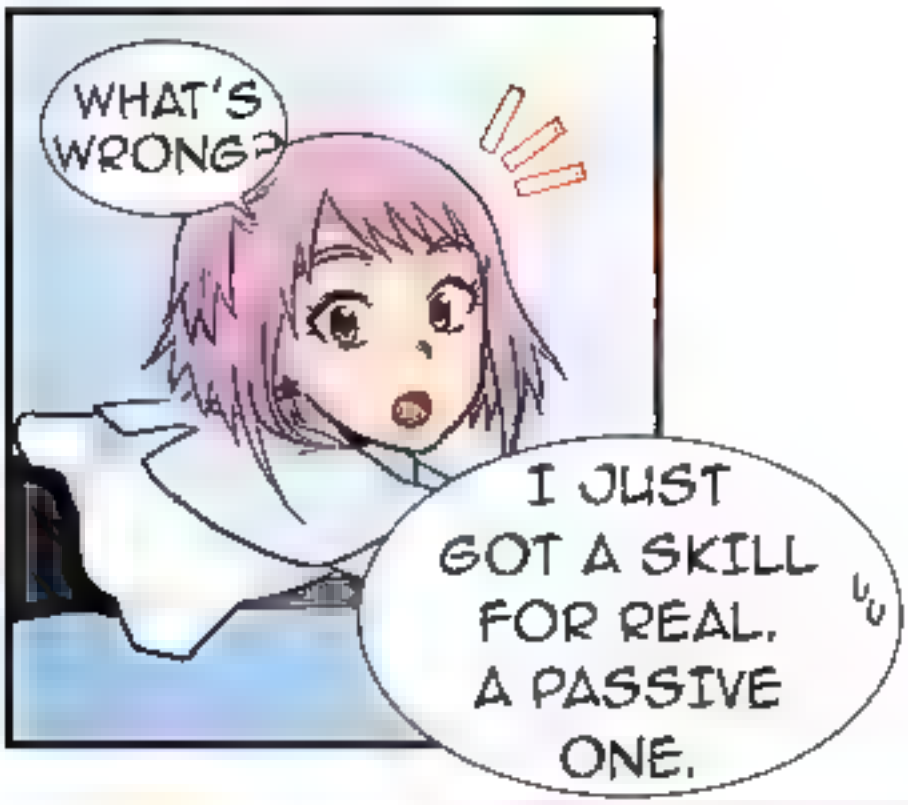
IS SHE SEXUALLY HARASSING ME?
COME ON.

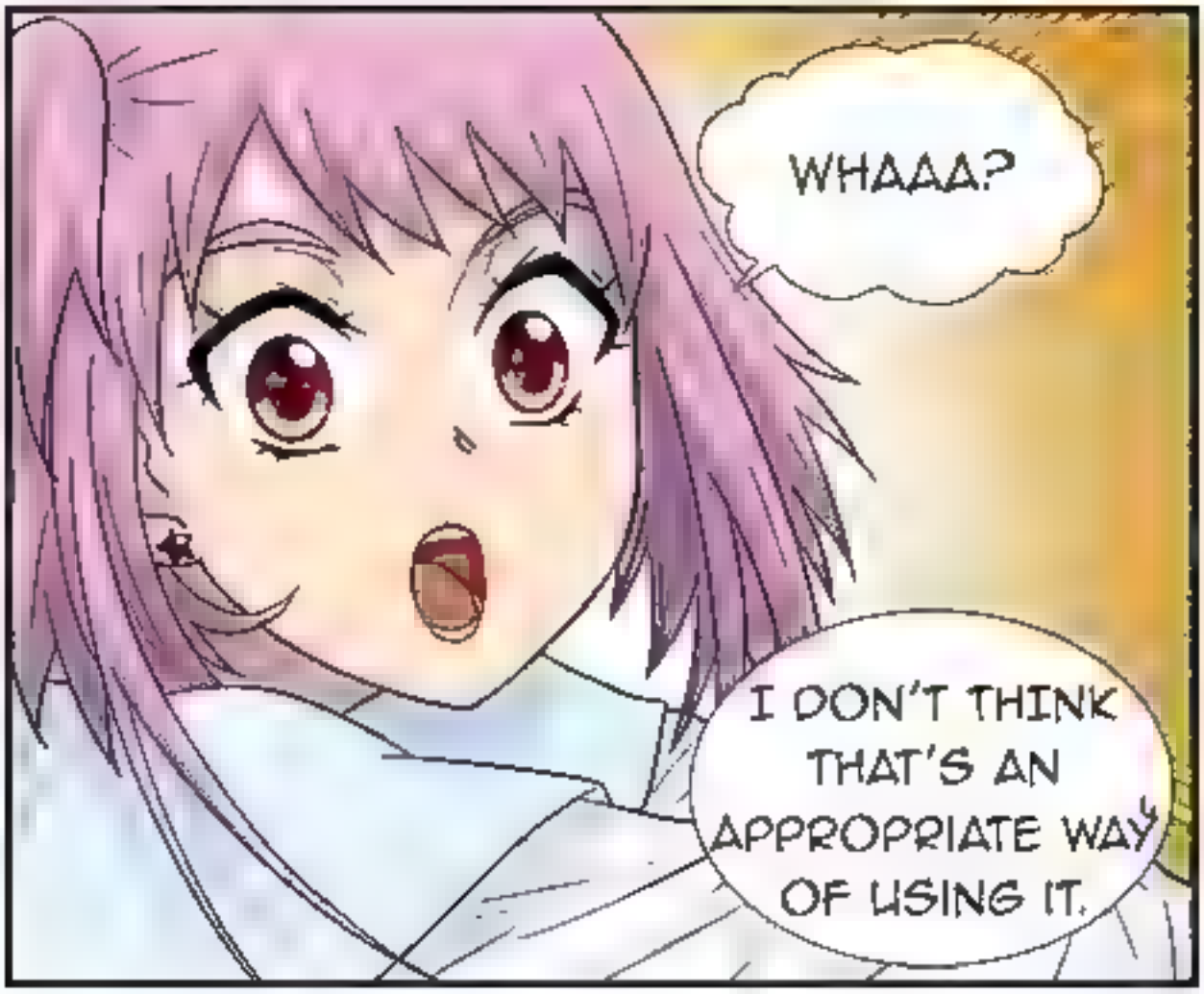

SIGH.... SURE. YES, MA'AM.
AM I DOING THE RIGHT THING...?

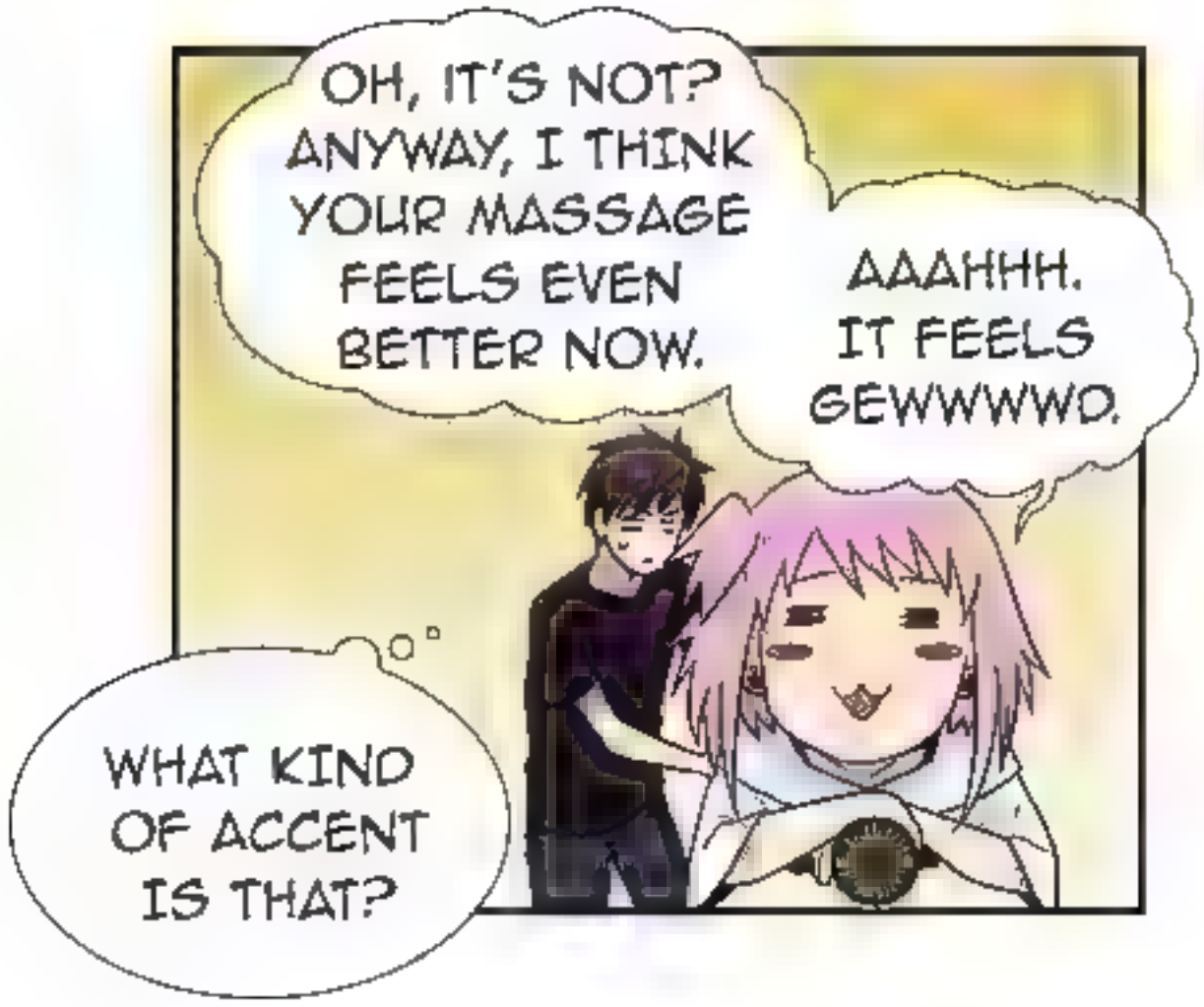
RUB
RUB


YOU'RE GOOD AT GIVING MASSAGES.
I KNOW, I FEEL LIKE I'M GONNA GET A SKILL...
BEEP

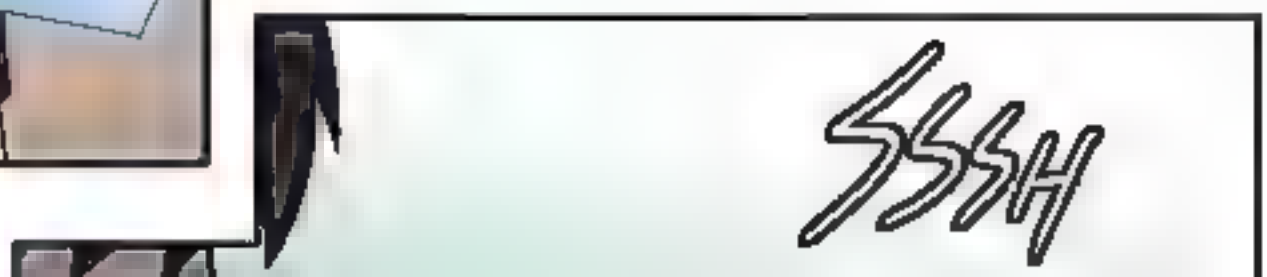
A 'MASSAGE' SKILL HAS BEEN CREATED.


WHAT'S WRONG?
I JUST GOT A SKILL FOR REAL. A PASSIVE ONE.


WHAAA?
I DON'T THINK THAT'S AN APPROPRIATE WAY OF USING IT.

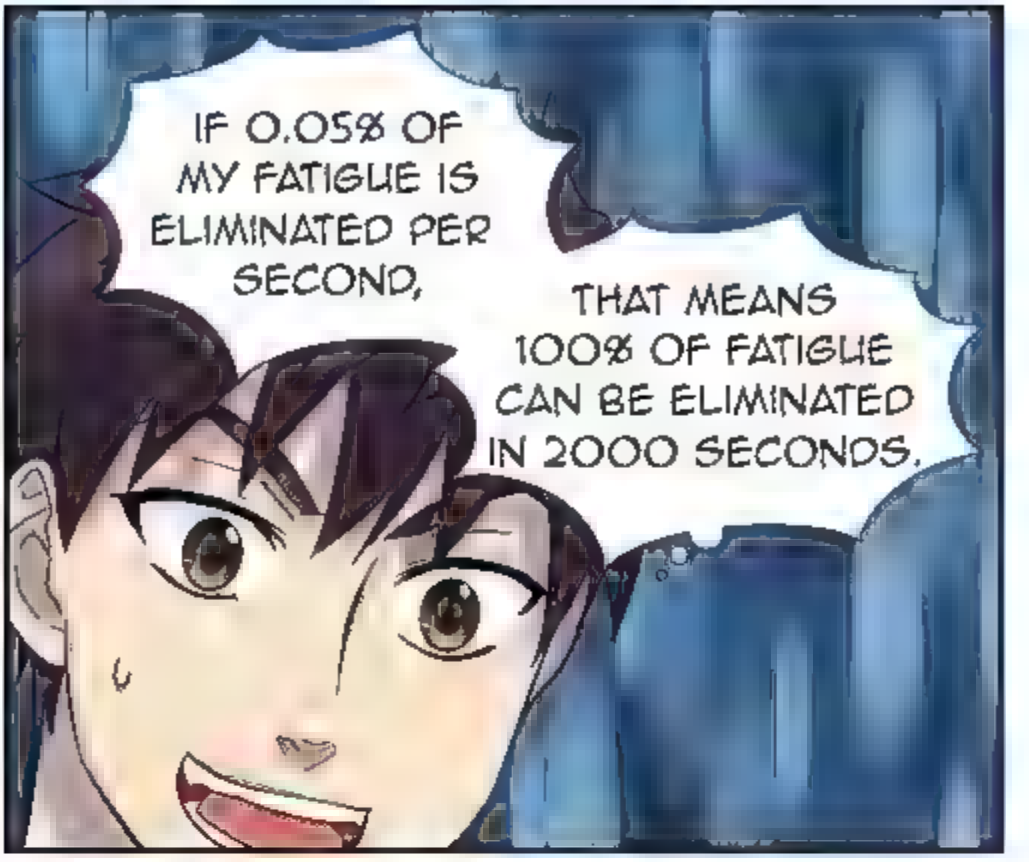

OH, IT'S NOT? ANYWAY, I THINK YOUR MASSAGE FEELS EVEN BETTER NOW.
AAAHHH. IT FEELS GEWWWWD.
WHAT KIND OF ACCENT IS THAT?

BY THE WAY, WHAT KIND OF SKILL IS THE MASSAGE SKILL?
CLICK


SSSH

MASSAGE (PASSIVE) LV 1 1.12%

MASSAGE IS A SKILL THAT HAS BEEN DESCENDED FROM THE ANCIENTS IN ORDER TO RELIEVE PEOPLE'S PHYSICAL FATIGUE.
ALSO, ARTHROPATHY CAN BE TREATED THROUGH THIS SKILL.
EFFECT: INCREASE FATIGUE RECOVERY RATE.
EFFECT: ELIMINATE 0.05% OF FATIGUE PER 1 SECOND.

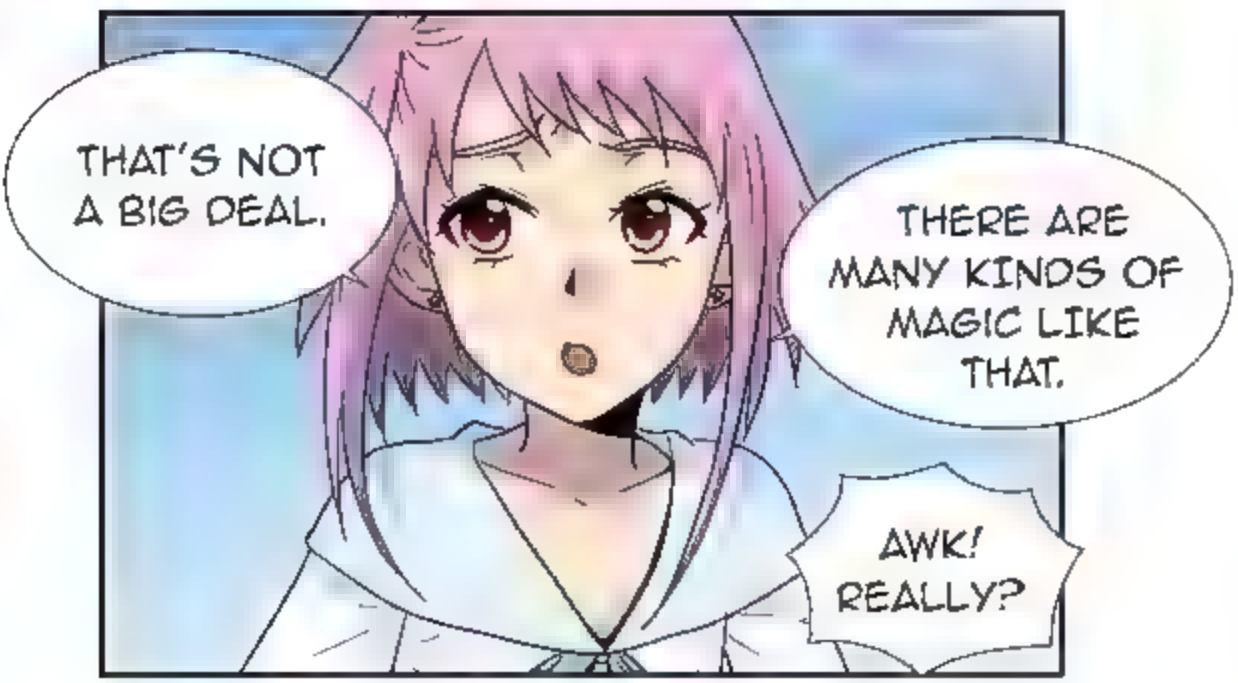

IF 0.05% OF MY FATIGUE IS ELIMINATED PER SECOND,
THAT MEANS 100% OF FATIGUE CAN BE ELIMINATED IN 2000 SECONDS.

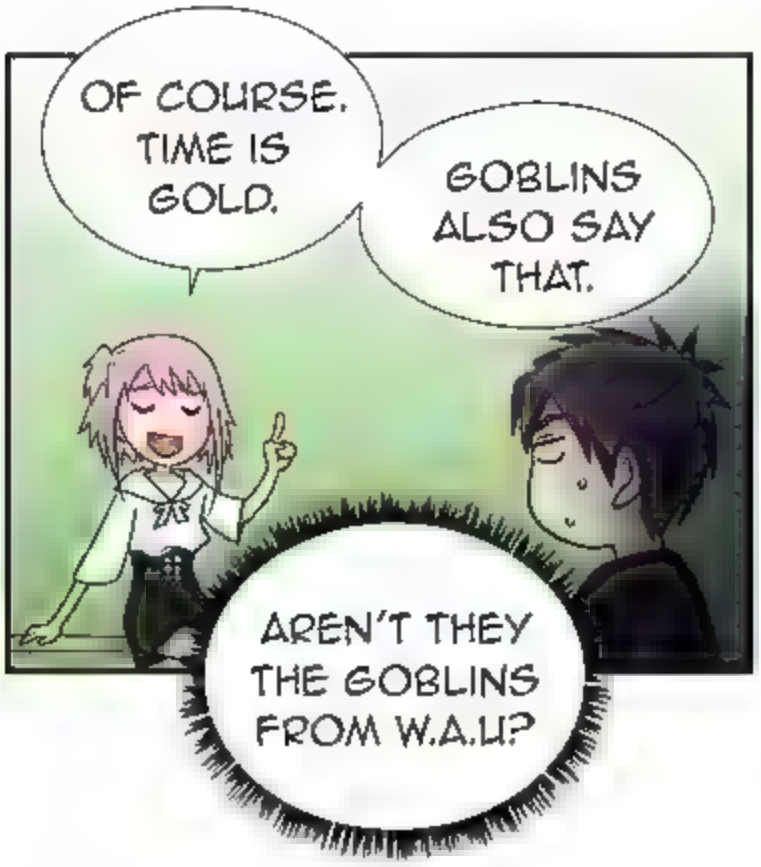
MAYBE I WON'T EVEN NEED TO SLEEP AT ALL!?

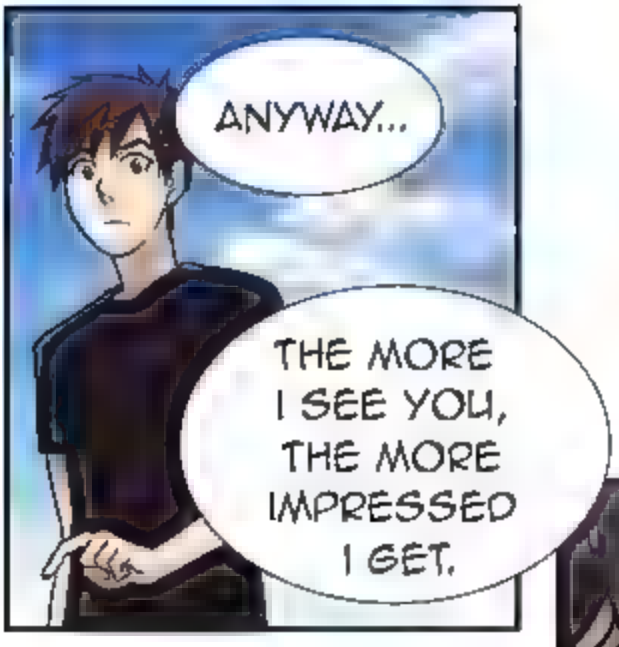
HUH?
I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING~
OH, IT'S JUST...

THIS MASSAGE SKILL IS SO GOOD.
HOW GOOD?

TOO GOOD.
IF I GIVE A PERSON A MASSAGE FOR 30 MIN, 100% OF THEIR FATIGUE WILL BE GONE.

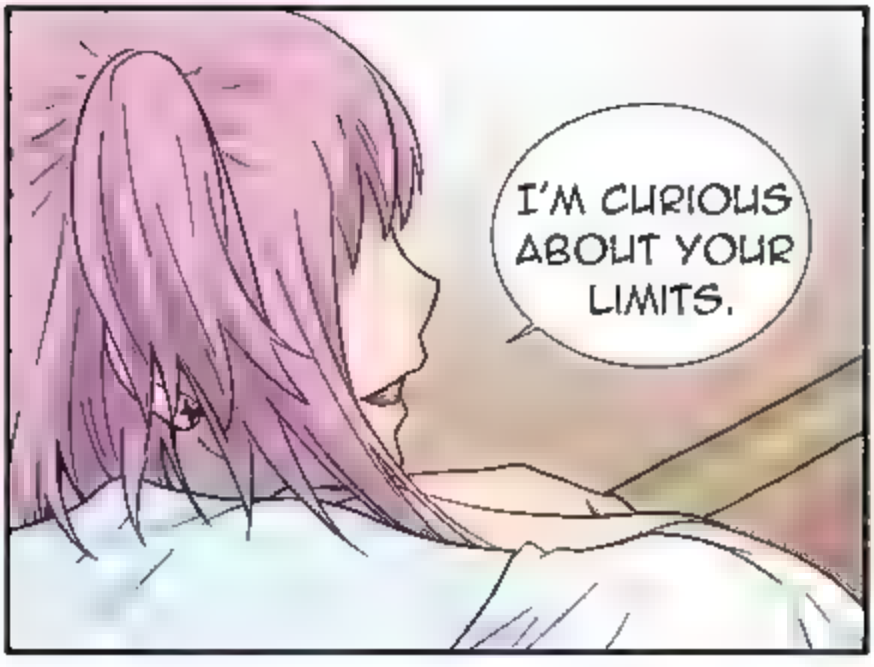

THAT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.
THERE ARE MANY KINDS OF MAGIC LIKE THAT.
AWK! REALLY?


OF COURSE. TIME IS GOLD.
GOBLINS ALSO SAY THAT.
AREN'T THEY THE GOBLINS FROM W.A.U?


ANYWAY...
THE MORE I SEE YOU, THE MORE IMPRESSED I GET.

ROLL
OH, YEAH?

I MEAN
YOU'RE KIND OF
UNPRECEDENTED.


I'M CURIOUS
ABOUT YOUR
LIMITS.

I HEARD,
YOU CAN EVEN
DO 'MINING'.
MINING?

WHAT'S THAT?
EMM... IT'S A PROTECTED SPACE WHERE SPECIFIC EFFECTS OR OBJECTS CAN BE CREATED AND ACQUIRED.
WHAT? SERIOUSLY?
IN MY CASE, I CAN MAKE INSTANT DUNGEONS BECAUSE OF MY GAME ABILITY.
ARE OTHER PEOPLE CAPABLE OF THAT TOO?

OTHER PEOPLE CAN'T GET ITEMS THE WAY YOU DO,
BUT THEY CAN MAKE INSTANT DUNGEONS WHERE SOMETHING LIKE A BALL OF MANA CAN BE CREATED.
WHAT SEONGON DID WAS SIMILAR TO THAT.
THAT'S CALLED 'MINING.'

A-HA!

ALRIGHT, NOW THE OTHER LEG.
RAISE
.....

....YES, MASTER.

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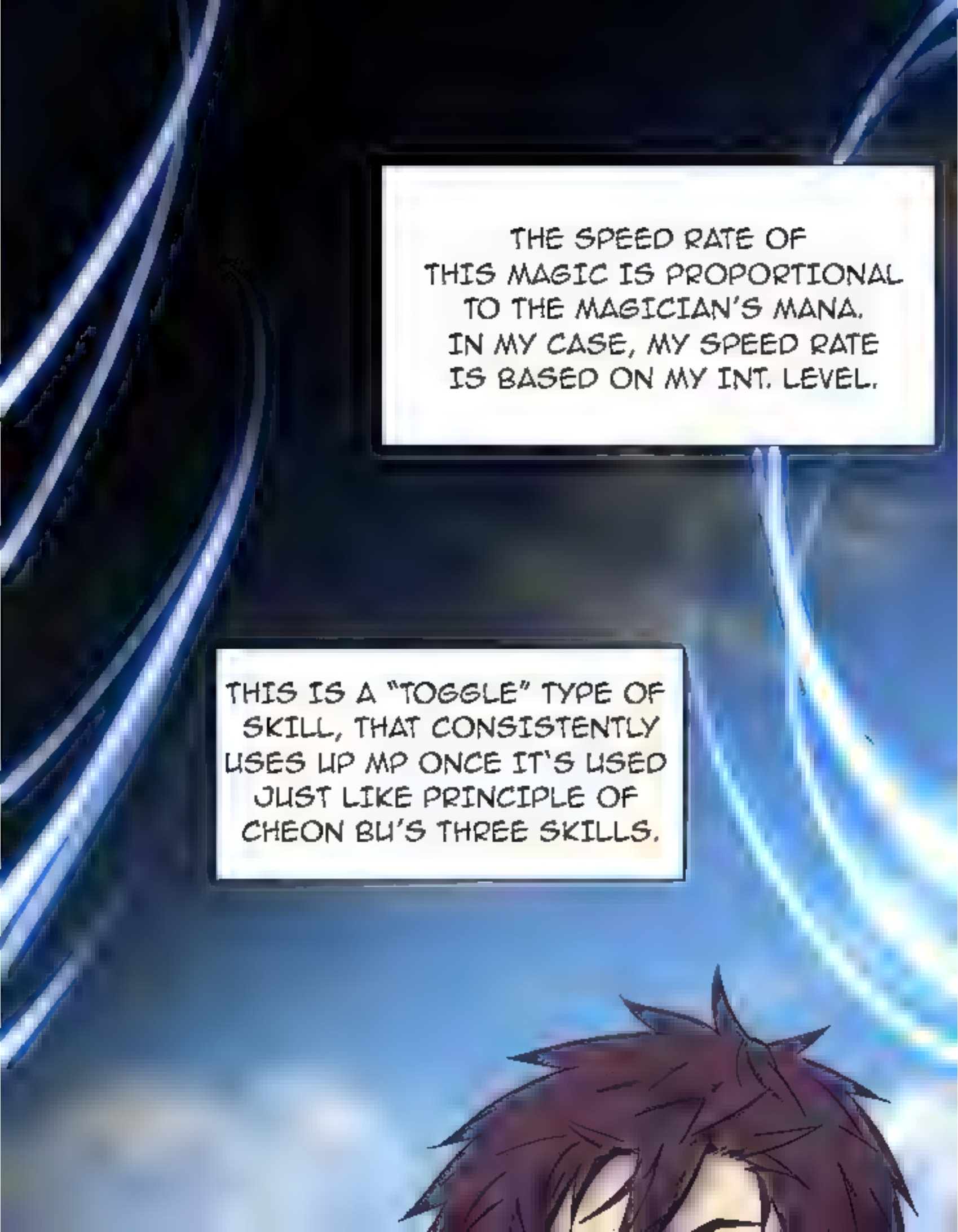
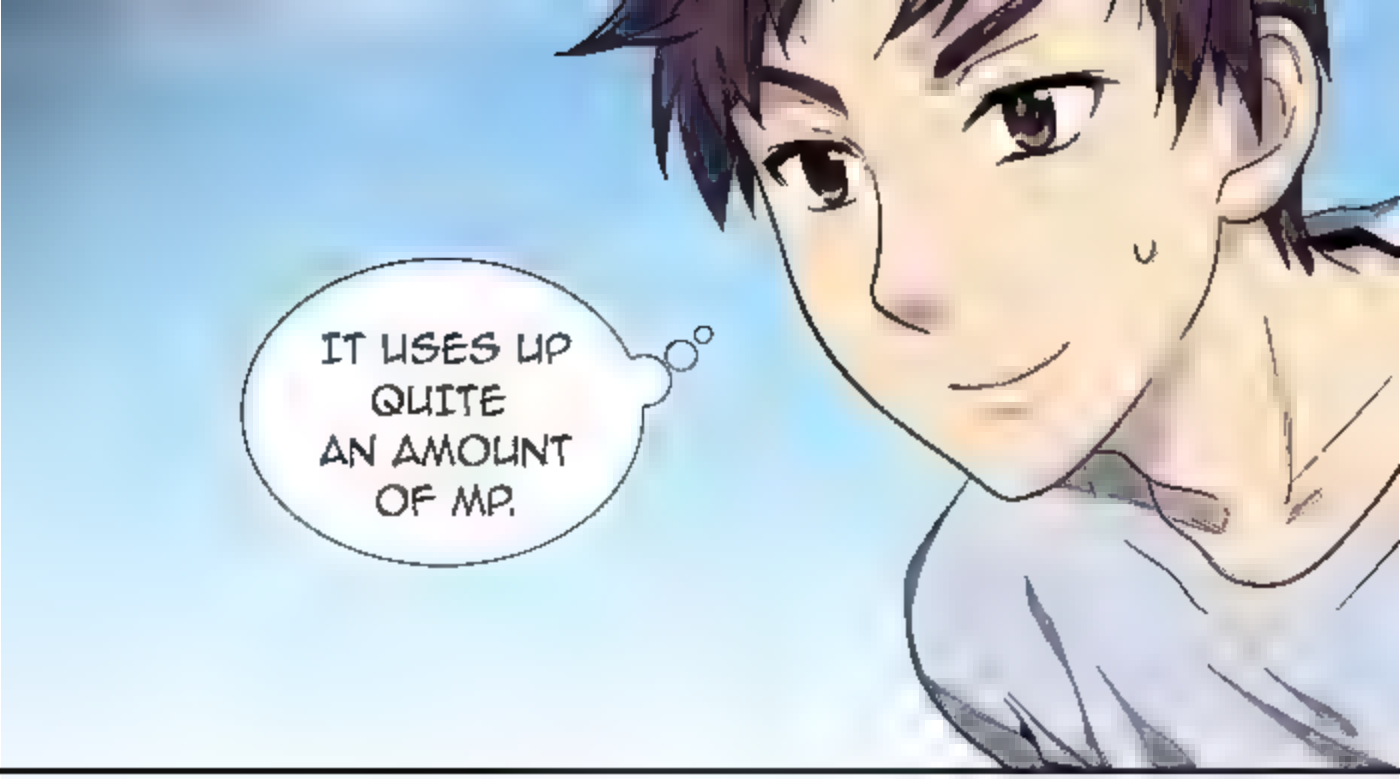
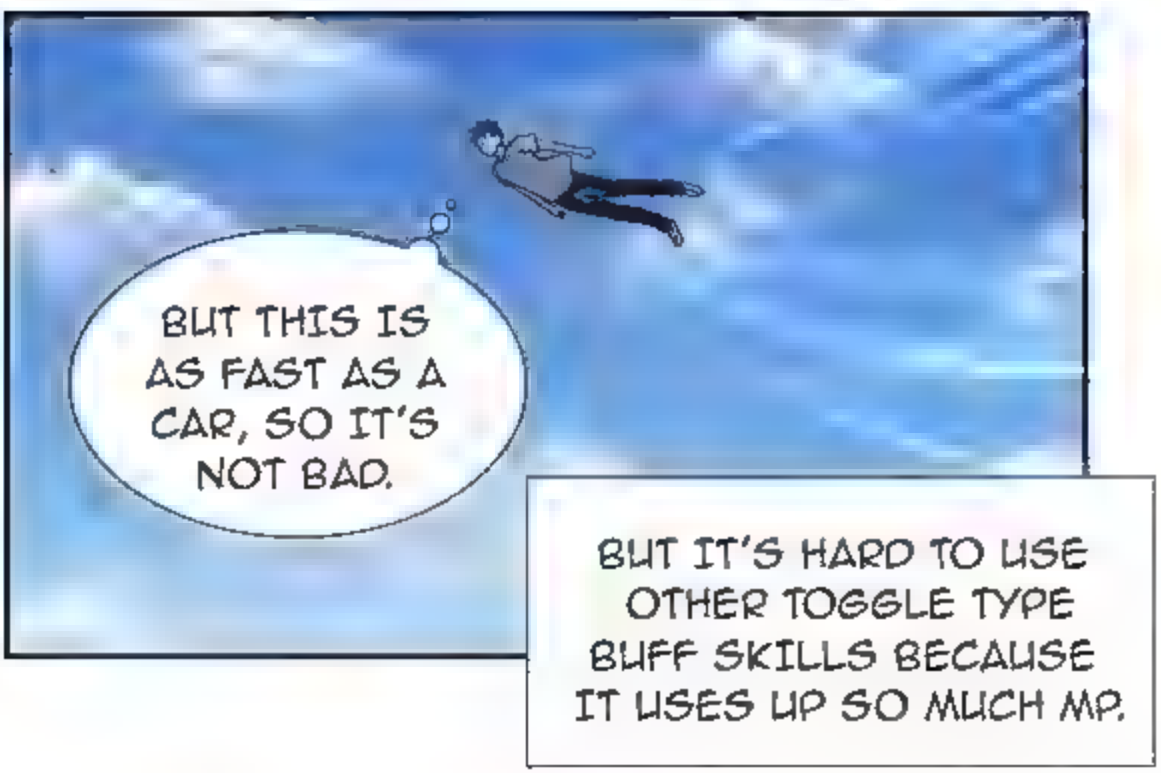
MAGIC 'FLIGHT'

[FLIGHT (ACTIVE&PASSIVE) LV5 EXP:5.62%]

YOU CAN FLY IN THE SKY BY USING THIS SKILL.
THE HIGHER YOUR MANA IS, THE FASTER
YOU CAN FLY.
MP 200 PER A SECOND IS USED. 100KM/H


THE SPEED RATE OF THIS MAGIC IS PROPORTIONAL TO THE MAGICIAN'S MANA. IN MY CASE, MY SPEED RATE IS BASED ON MY INT. LEVEL.
THIS IS A "TOGGLE" TYPE OF SKILL, THAT CONSISTENTLY USES UP MP ONCE IT'S USED JUST LIKE PRINCIPLE OF CHEON BU'S THREE SKILLS.

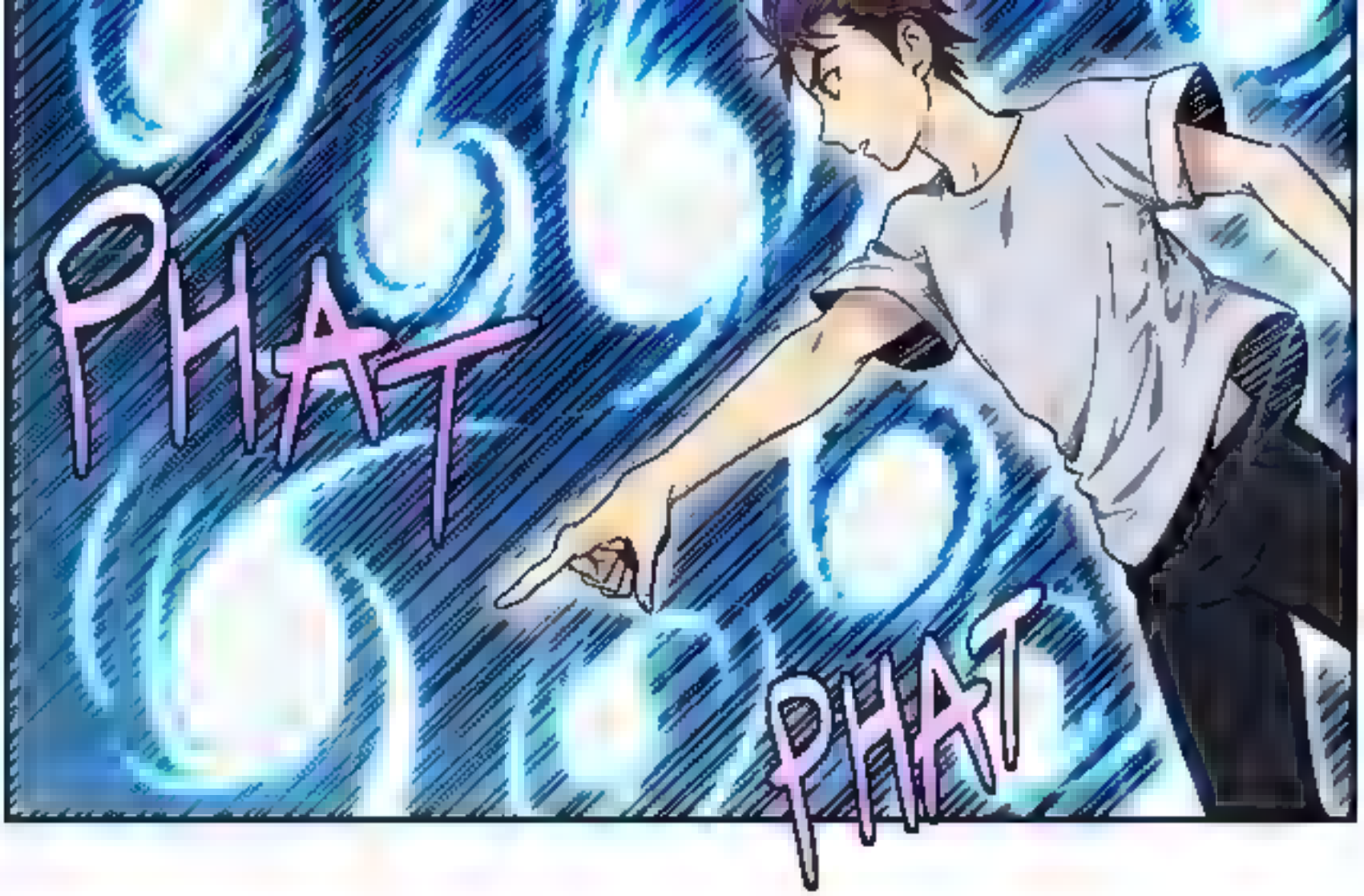

IT USES UP QUITE AN AMOUNT OF MP.


BUT THIS IS AS FAST AS A CAR, SO IT'S NOT BAD.
BUT IT'S HARD TO USE OTHER TOGGLE TYPE BUFF SKILLS BECAUSE IT USES UP SO MUCH MP.

WOOSH

HELP
START.

UNLIMITED
SPINNING
MANA
ARROW.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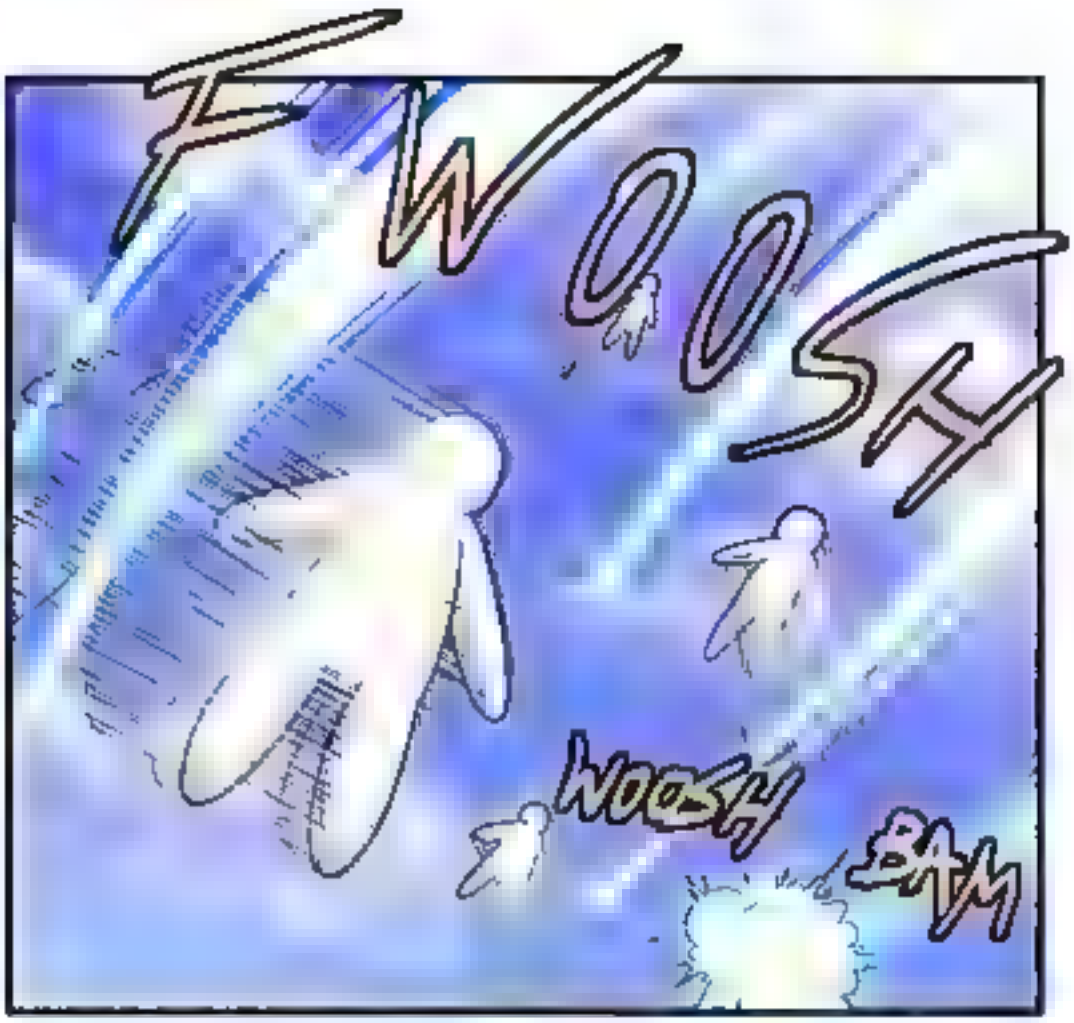
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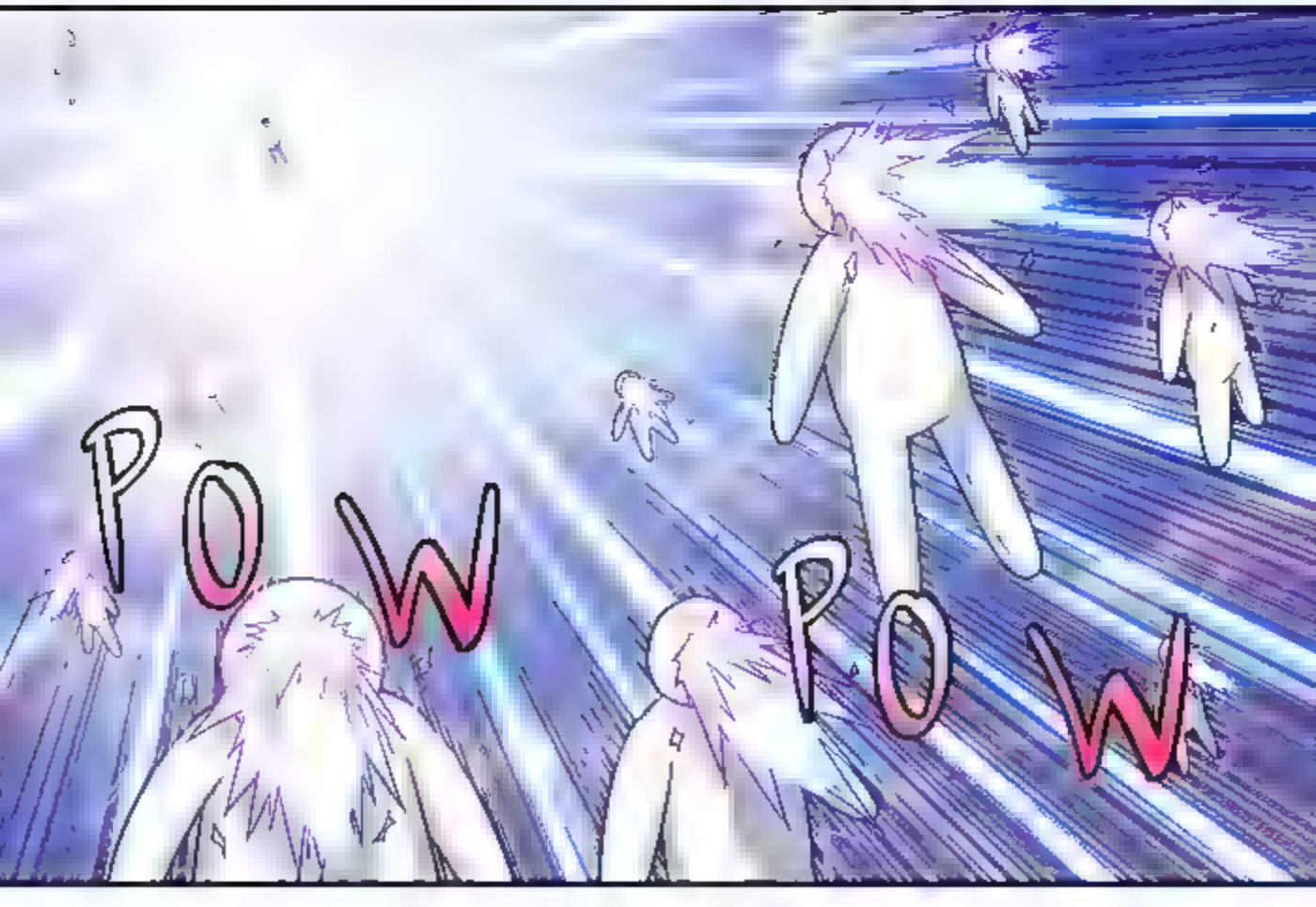
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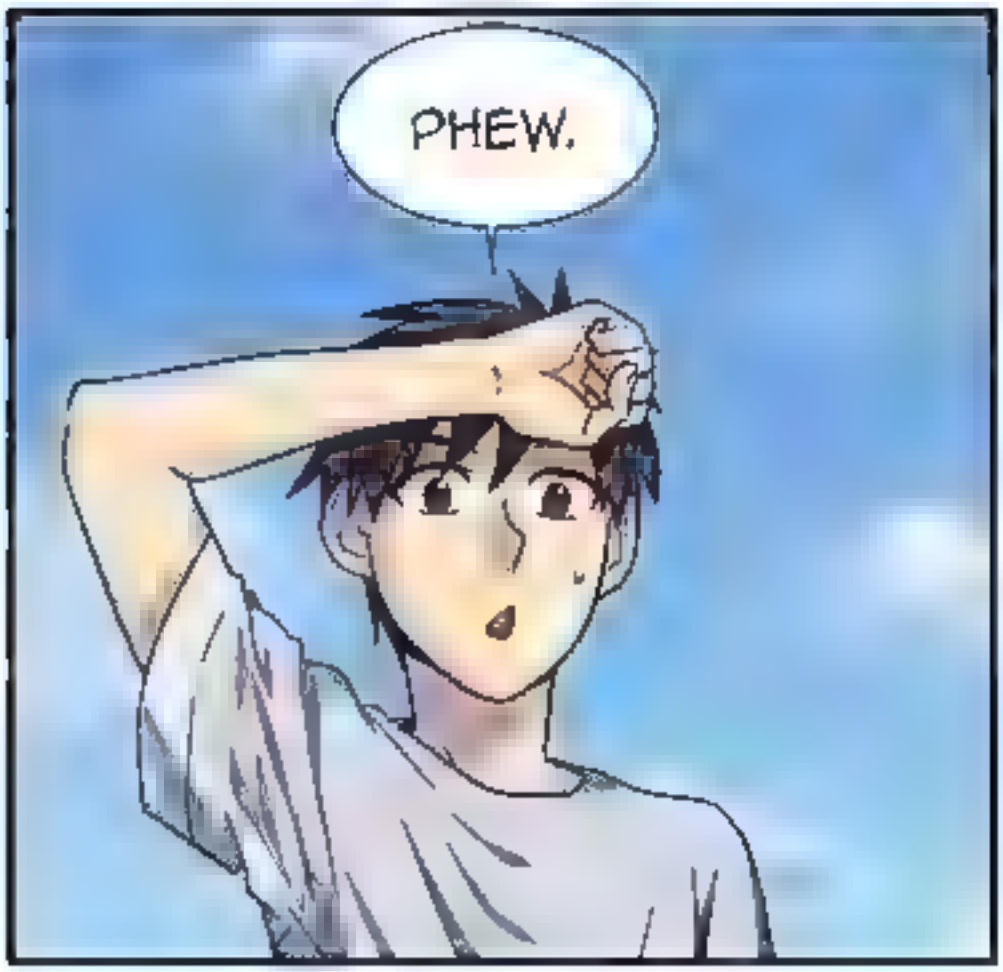
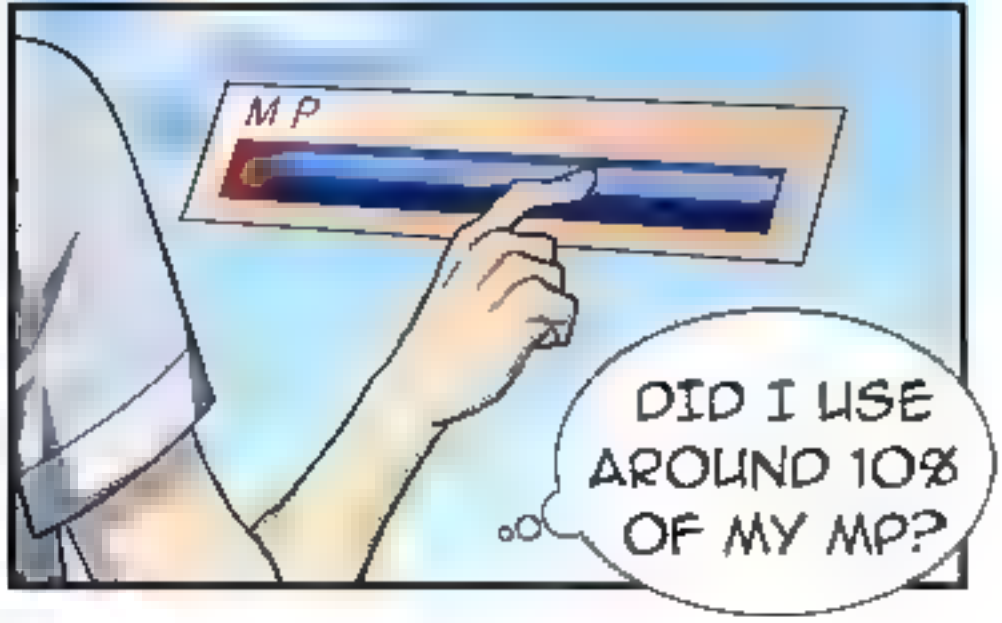
SSHHH


PHEW.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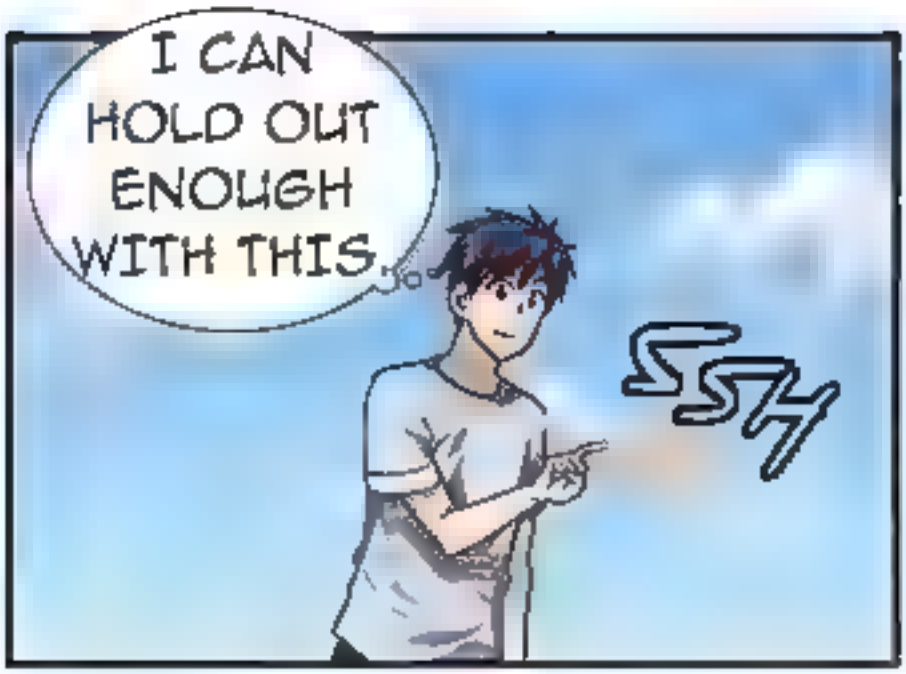
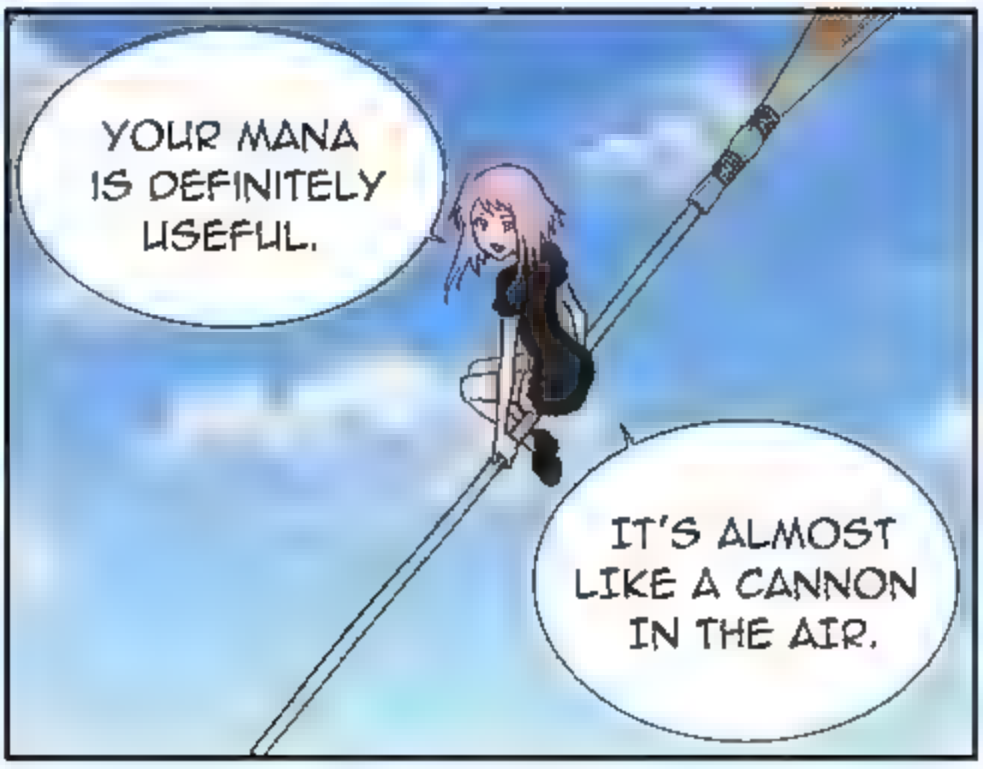
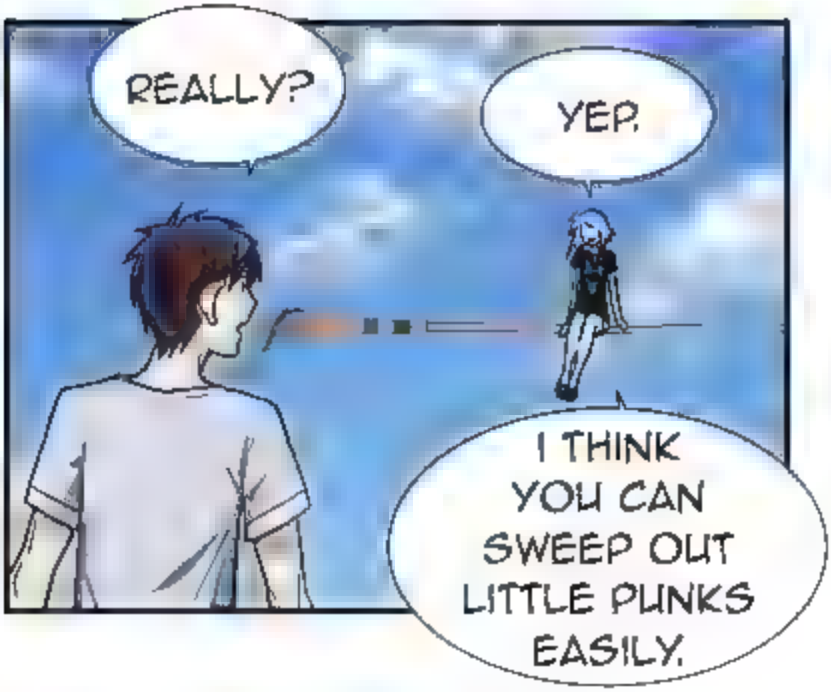
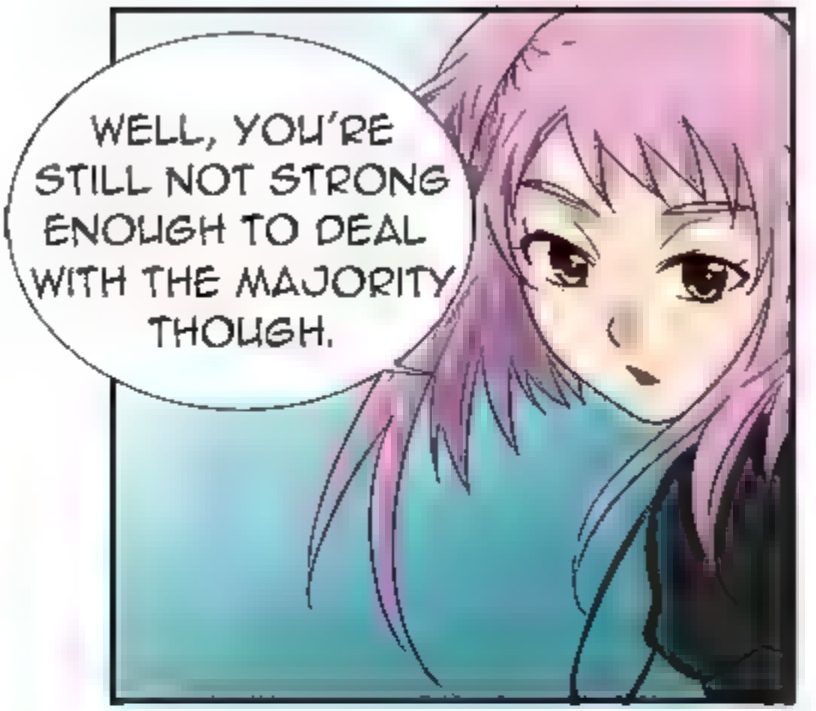
DID I USE AROUND 10% OF MY MP?


I CAN HOLD OUT ENOUGH WITH THIS.
SSH

HMM.

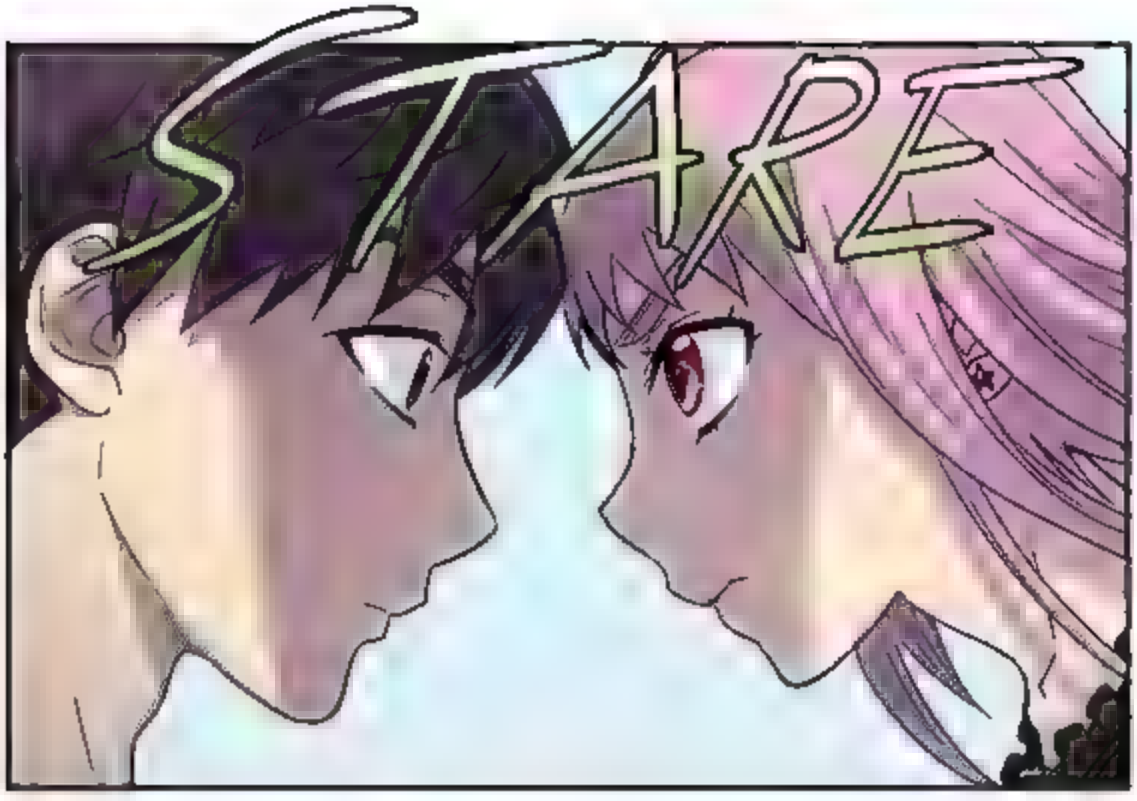

YOUR MANA IS DEFINITELY USEFUL.
IT'S ALMOST LIKE A CANNON IN THE AIR.


REALLY?
YEP.
I THINK YOU CAN SWEEP OUT LITTLE PUNKS EASILY.


WELL, YOU'RE STILL NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH THE MAJORITY THOUGH.

YEA, THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, TOO.
SO, I GUESS I'M STILL WEAK

I HAVE TO GET STRONGER...
FIRST, I MUST LEVEL UP FOR SURE.
I HAVE TO TRAIN SKILLS AND I'VE ALSO GOT TO TRAIN MY SENSES FOR THIS KIND OF BATTLE.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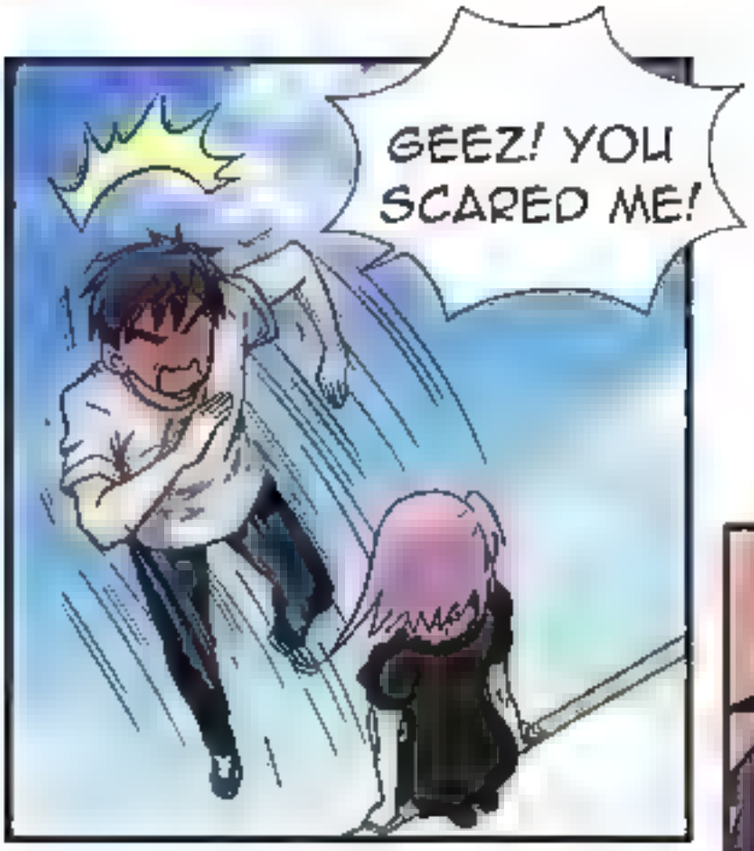
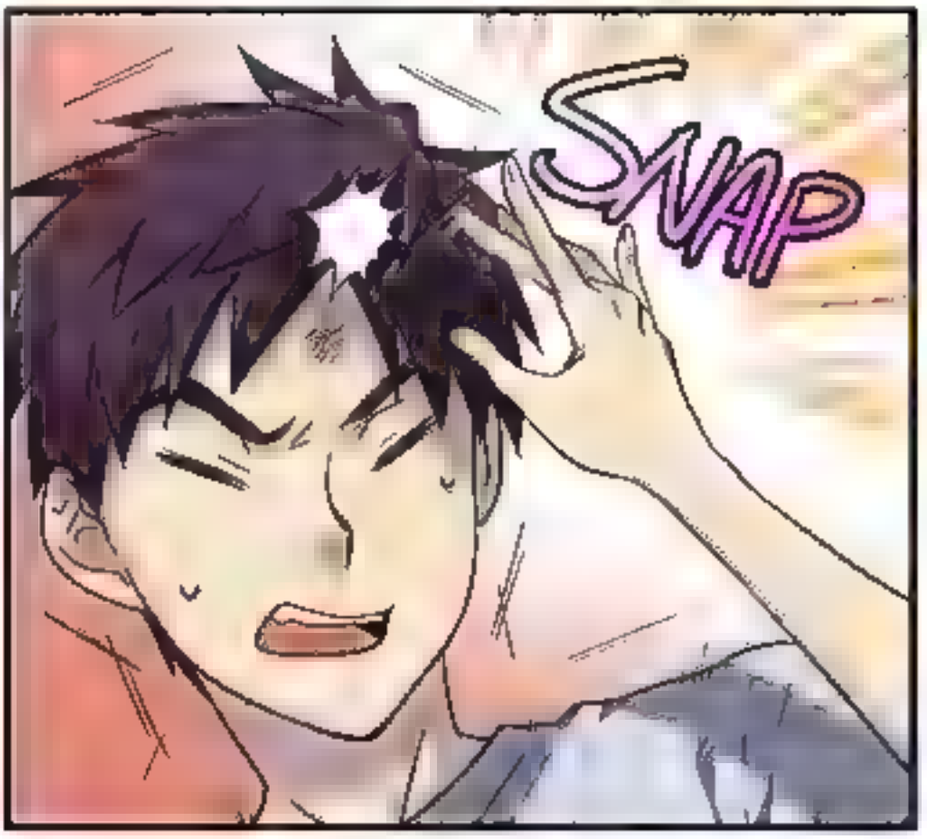

GEEZ! YOU SCARED ME!


SWAP

DON'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING

ELSE.
COMBINING IS A BASIC SKILL IN THE ABYSS.

COMBINING?

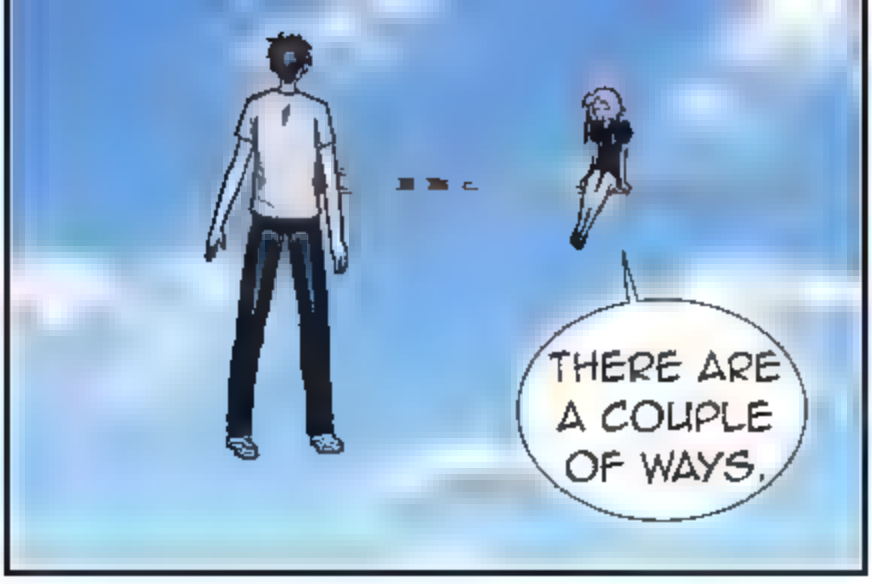
EITHER GATHERING EACH OTHER'S MANA TOGETHER,

OR USE THEIR MANA SEPARATELY AND THEN COMBINE THEM AS ONE BY USING MAGIC.

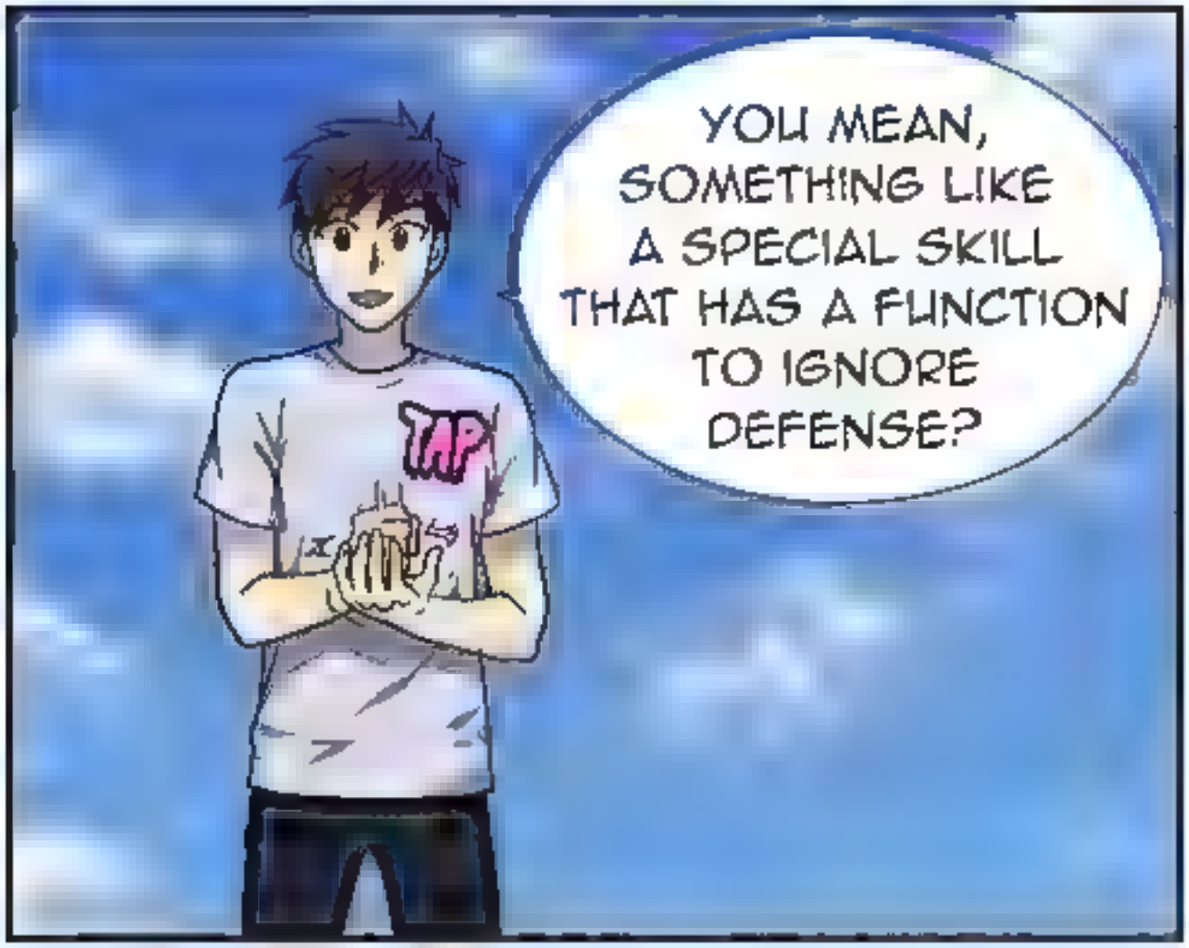
THEN THE POWER WILL GET STRONGER FOR SURE, RIGHT?

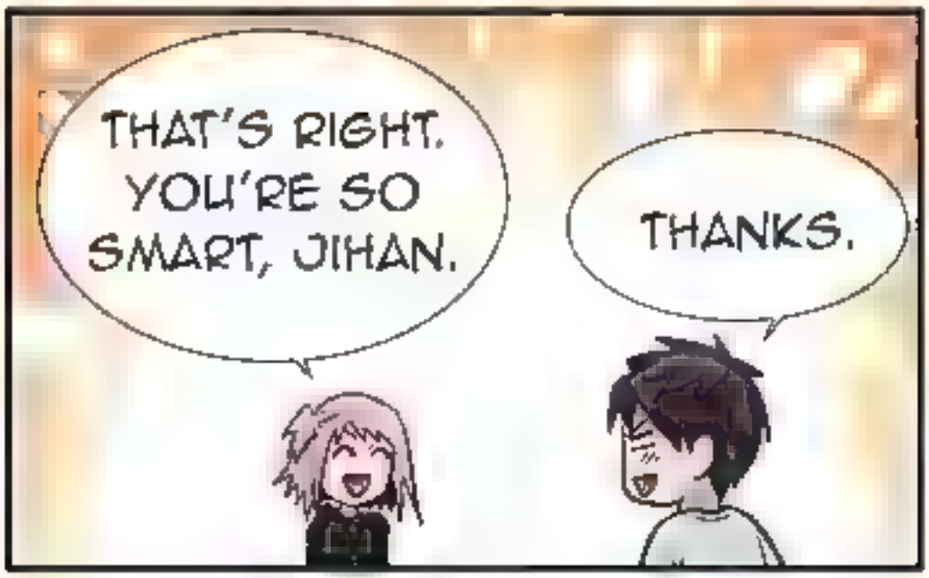
AH...

THEN WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO BEAT THEM?


THERE ARE A COUPLE OF WAYS,

YOU COULD INCREASE YOUR MP QUITE A LOT ON YOUR OWN.
OR YOU COULD CREATE SPECIAL MAGIC AND MASTER IT,
OR YOU COULD LEARN FROM SOME-ONE.


YOU MEAN, SOMETHING LIKE A SPECIAL SKILL THAT HAS A FUNCTION TO IGNORE DEFENSE?
TAP


THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'RE SO SMART, JIHAN.
THANKS.

A SPECIAL SKILL...

I CAN'T CREATE SUCH A SKILL WITH MY ABILITY NOW.

IT'D BE MORE EFFICIENT FOR ME TO LEARN STRONG MAGIC, SUMMONING, OR MARTIAL ARTS, RIGHT?

YOU HAVE A LOT OF MANA TO START WITH.

YOU NEED TO MAKE A FULL USE OUT OF THAT.

KEEP BUYING THE ITEMS FOR MANA RECOVERY

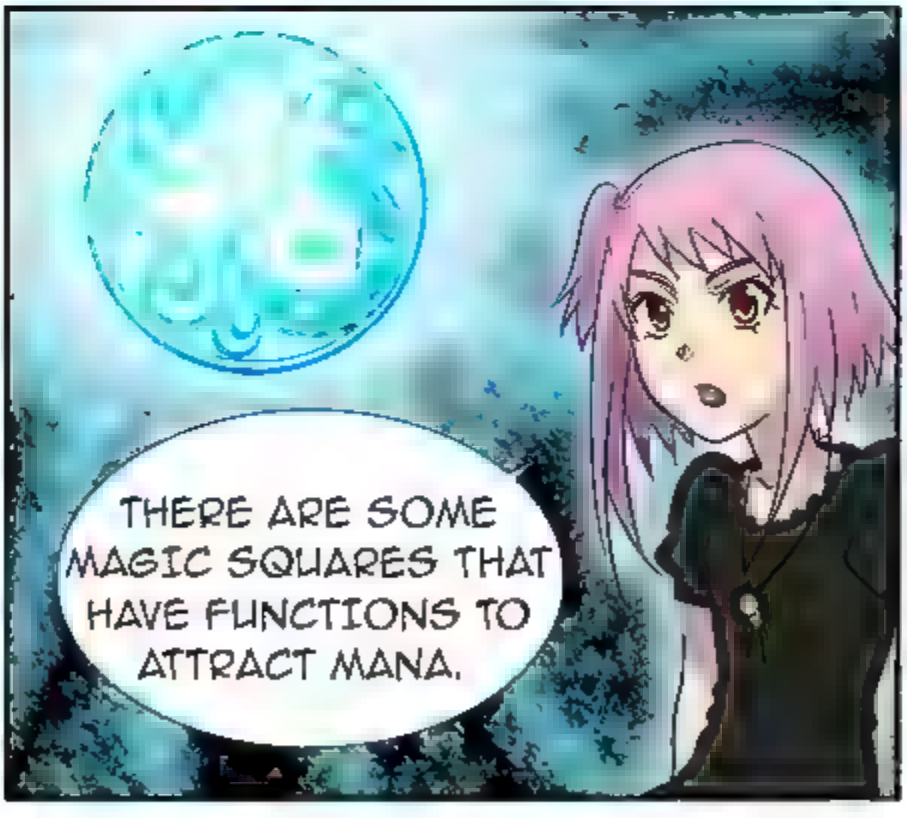
YOU CAN ALSO

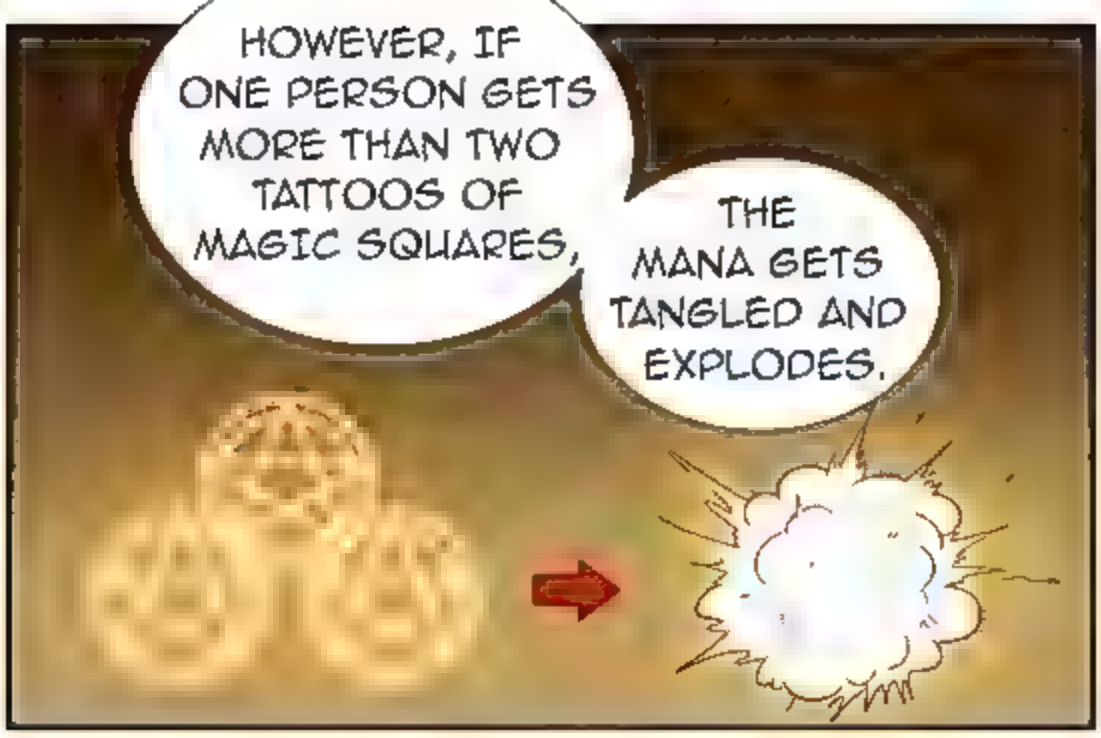
AND USE THEM.

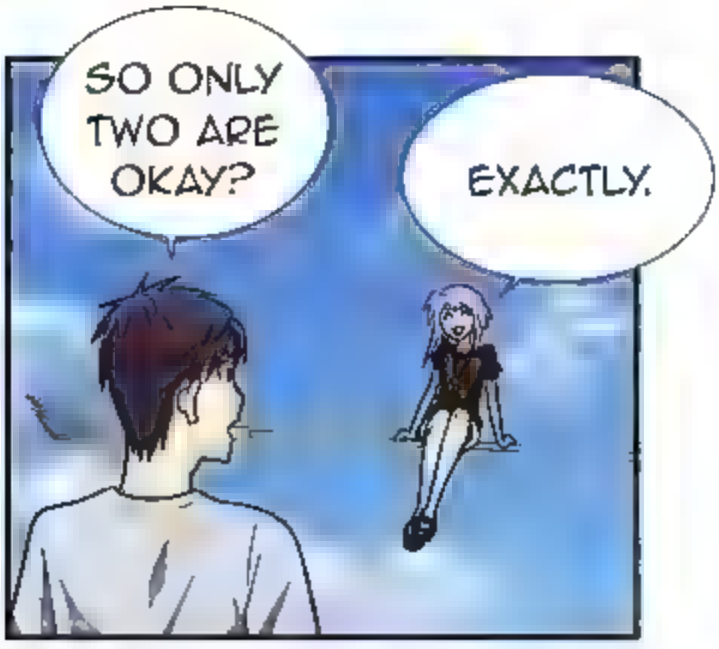
CARVE SOMETHING RELATED TO MAGIC SQUARES LIKE A TATTOO.

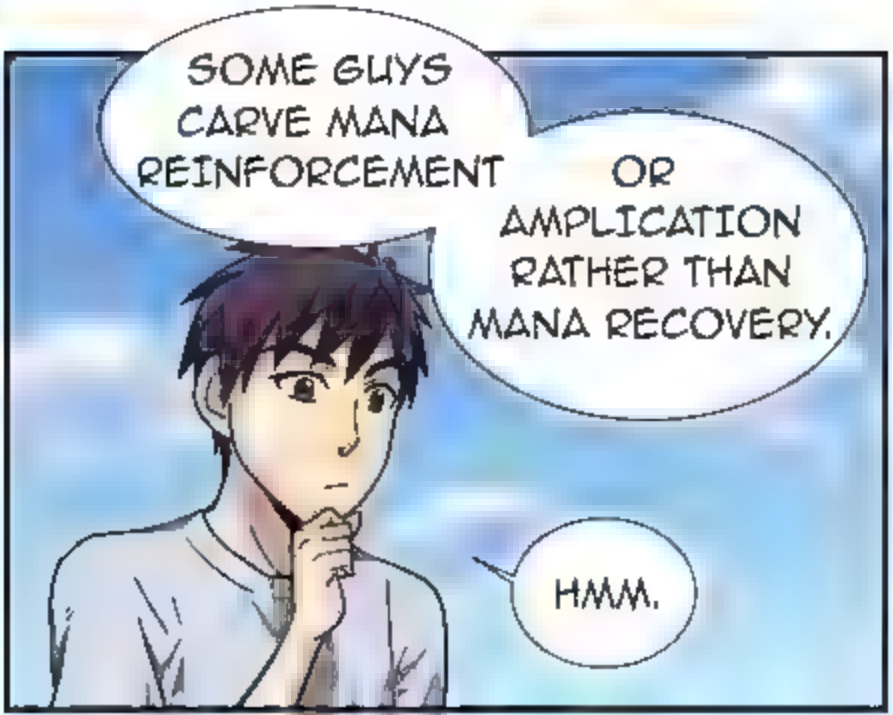
NORMALLY, YOU CAN CARVE TWO MAGIC SQUARES THOUGH.

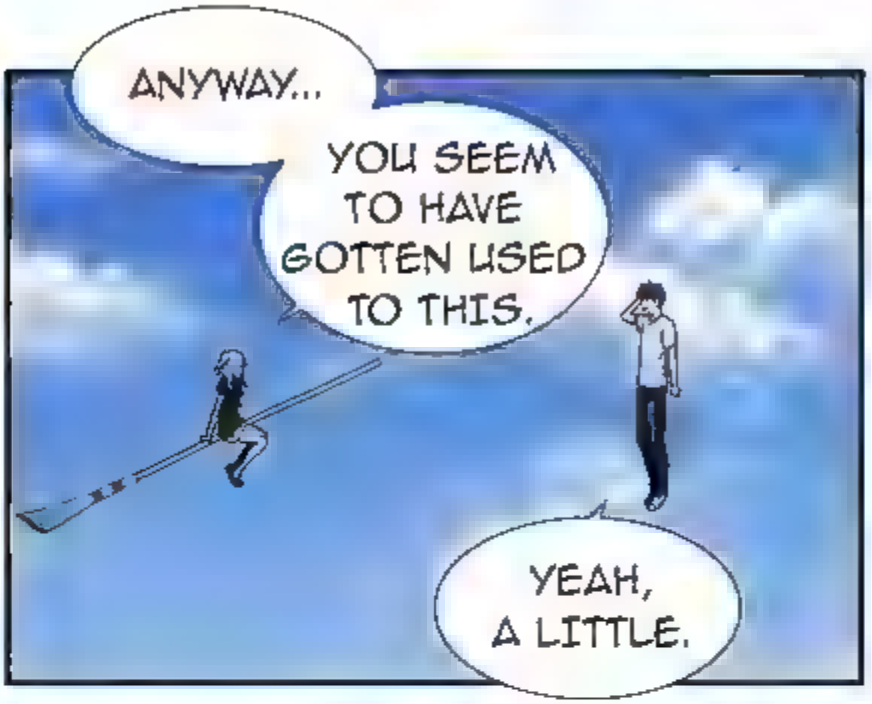
YOU KNOW WHAT TATTOO IS, RIGHT?
OF COURSE I DO.
MAGIC SQUARE?
I KNOW THAT TOO.


THERE ARE SOME MAGIC SQUARES THAT HAVE FUNCTIONS TO ATTRACT MANA.


HOWEVER, IF ONE PERSON GETS MORE THAN TWO TATTOOS OF MAGIC SQUARES,
THE MANA GETS TANGLED AND EXPLODES.


SO ONLY TWO ARE OKAY?
EXACTLY.

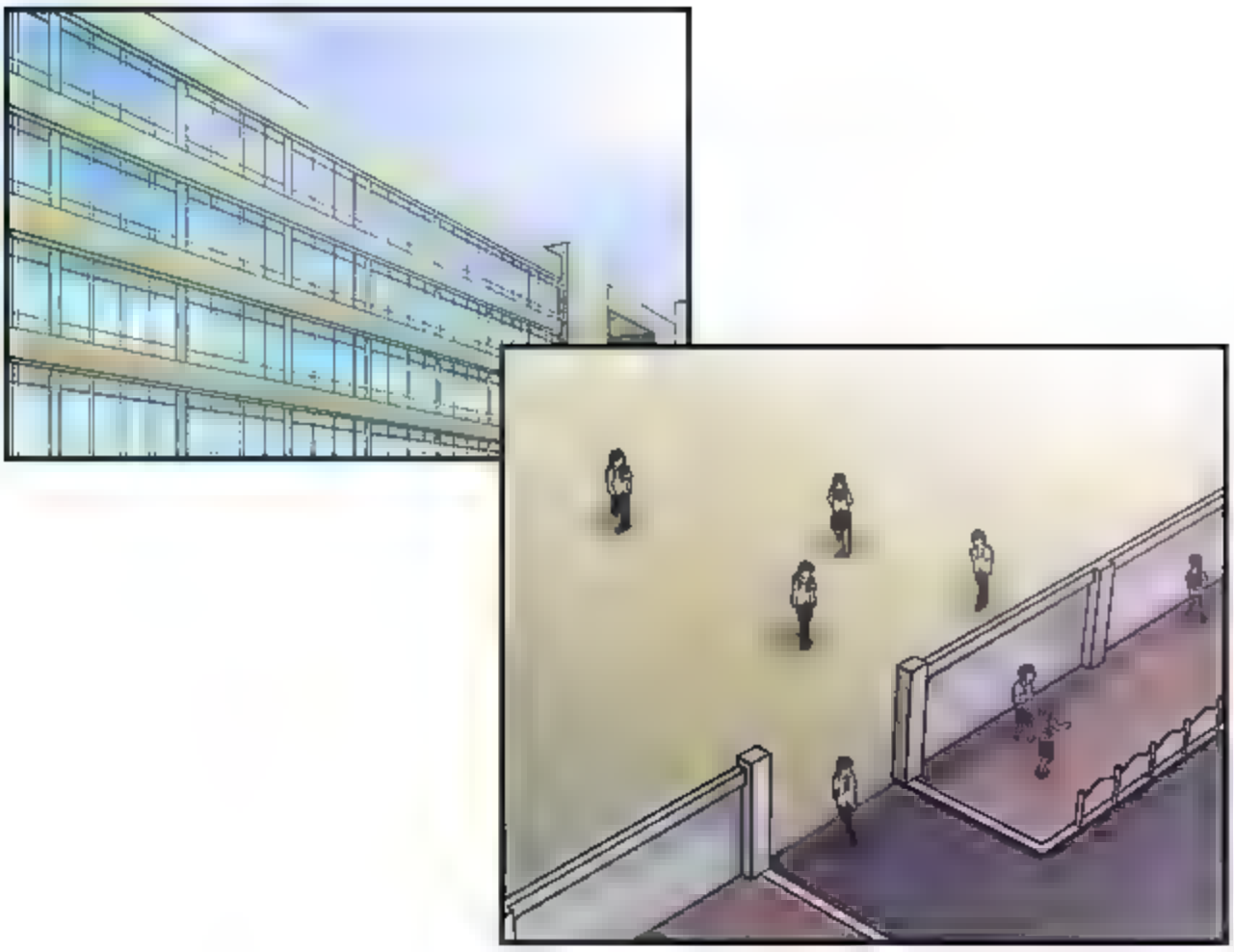

SOME GUYS CARVE MANA REINFORCEMENT
OR AMPLICATION RATHER THAN MANA RECOVERY.
HMM.

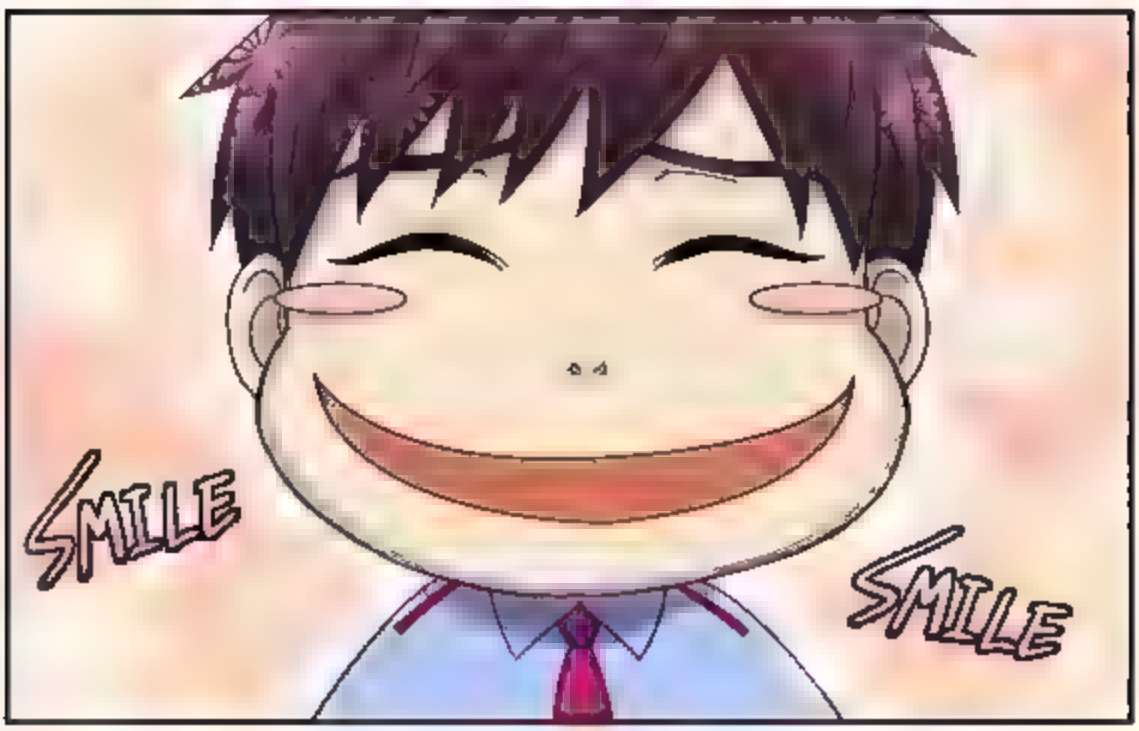

ANYWAY...
YOU SEEM TO HAVE GOTTEN USED TO THIS.
YEAH, A LITTLE.

PRACTICE STEADILY.
IF YOU HESITATE IN AN ACTUAL BATTLE...

YOU'LL JUST GET KILLED, OKAY?

THE GAMER

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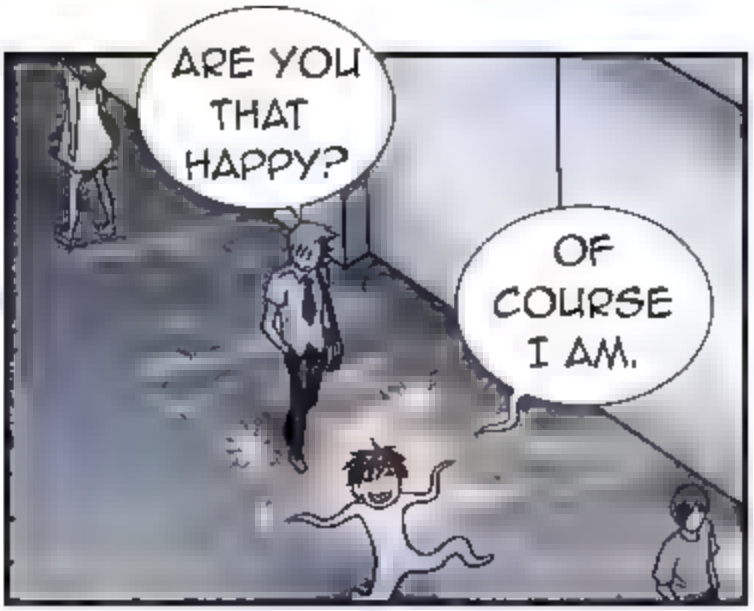
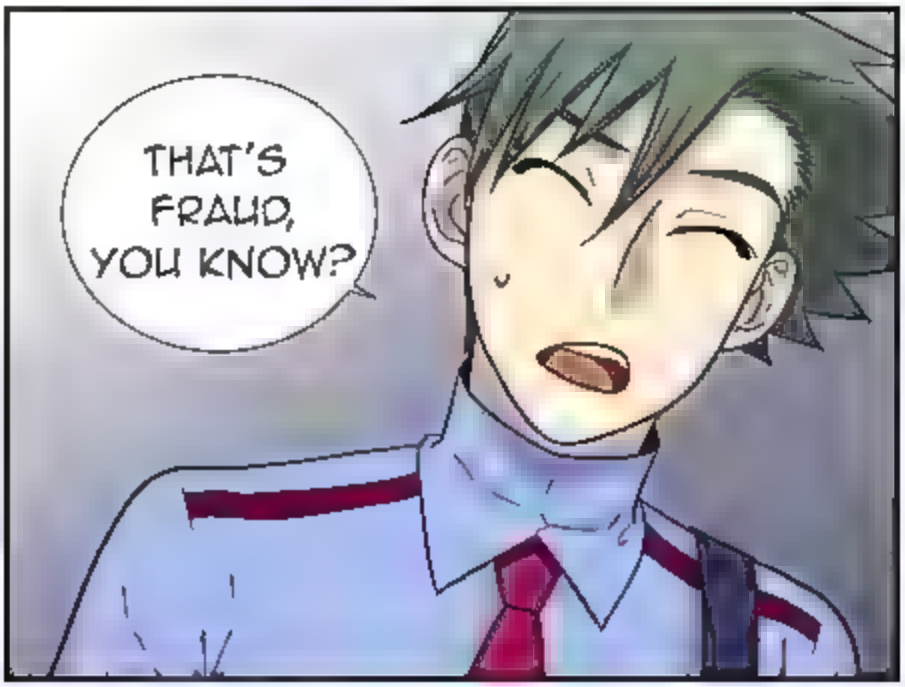
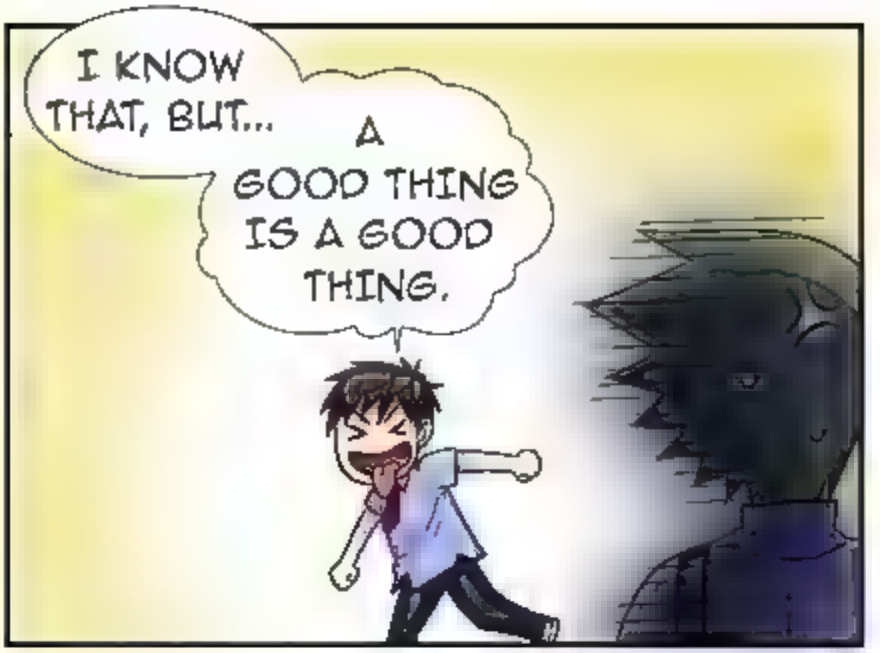
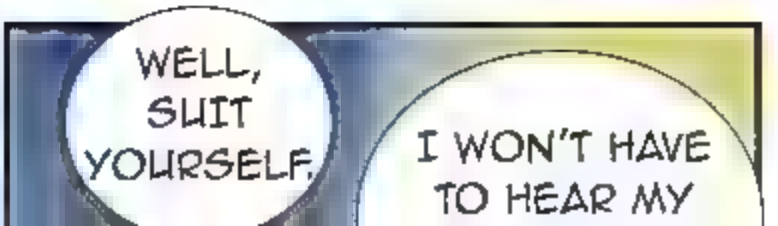
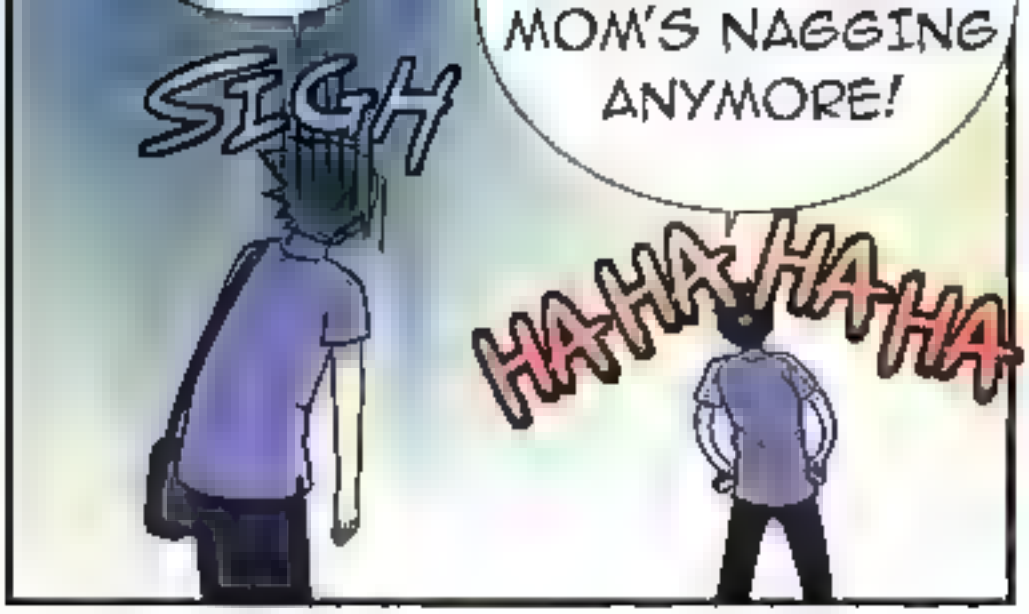
SMILE


ARE YOU THAT HAPPY?
OF COURSE I AM.

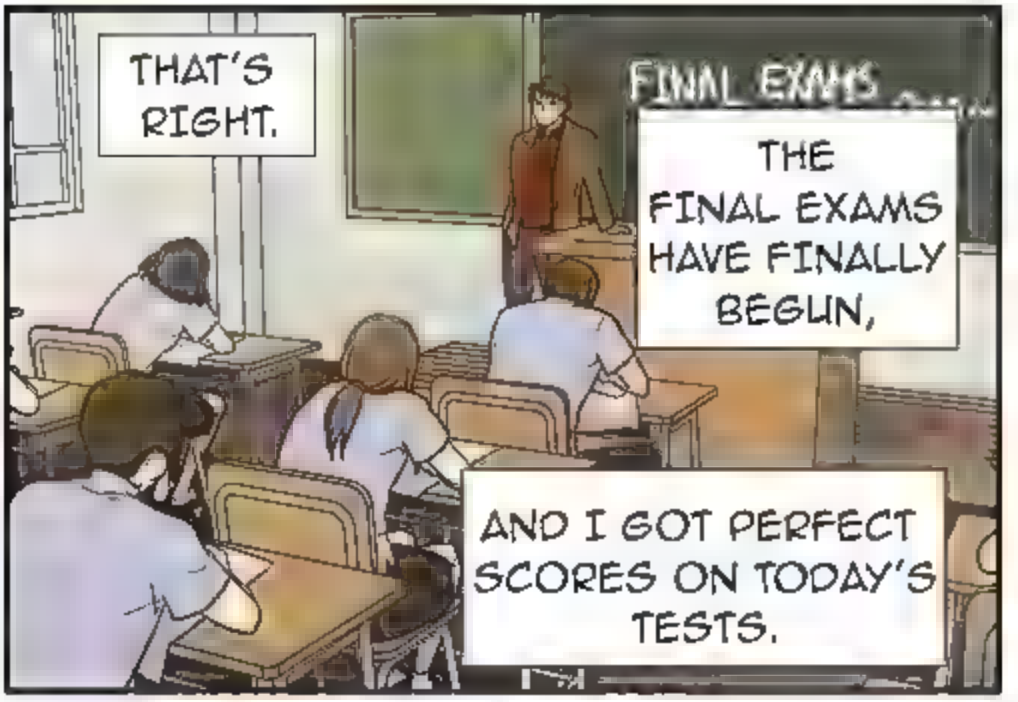

THAT'S FRAUD, YOU KNOW?


I KNOW THAT, BUT...
A GOOD THING IS A GOOD THING.


WELL, SUIT YOURSELF.
I WON'T HAVE TO HEAR MY


SIGH
MOM'S NAGGING ANYMORE!
HAHAHAHAHA

WHY AM I LAUGHING LIKE THIS?
WHY IS SEONIL LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
BECAUSE OF THE TEST!

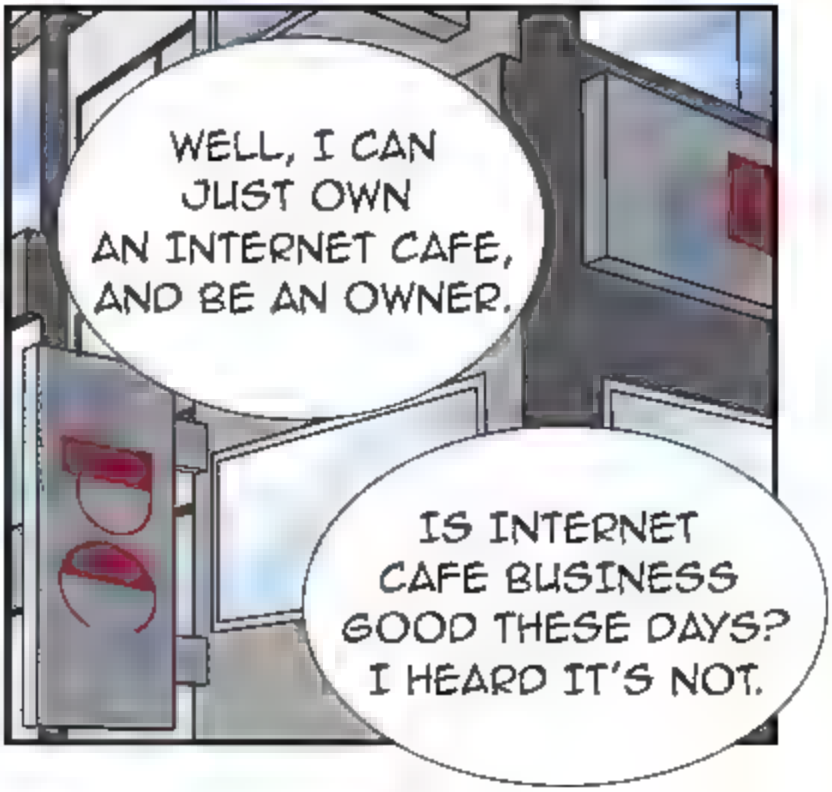

THAT'S RIGHT.
FINAL EXAMS
THE FINAL EXAMS HAVE FINALLY BEGUN,
AND I GOT PERFECT SCORES ON TODAY'S TESTS.

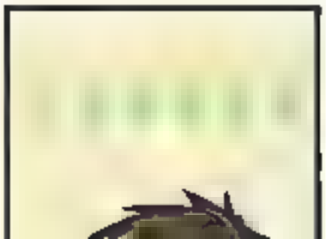
I DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE SUBJECTS THAT I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO STUDY, BECAUSE I JUST MEMORIZED ALL OF IT.
IF THAT IS THE CASE, I MIGHT EVEN GET A PERFECT SCORE ON SAT AS WELL!

OF COURSE, THAT WOULDN'T MEAN MUCH TO ME WHO HAS DIPPED HIS FOOT IN THE ABYSS.

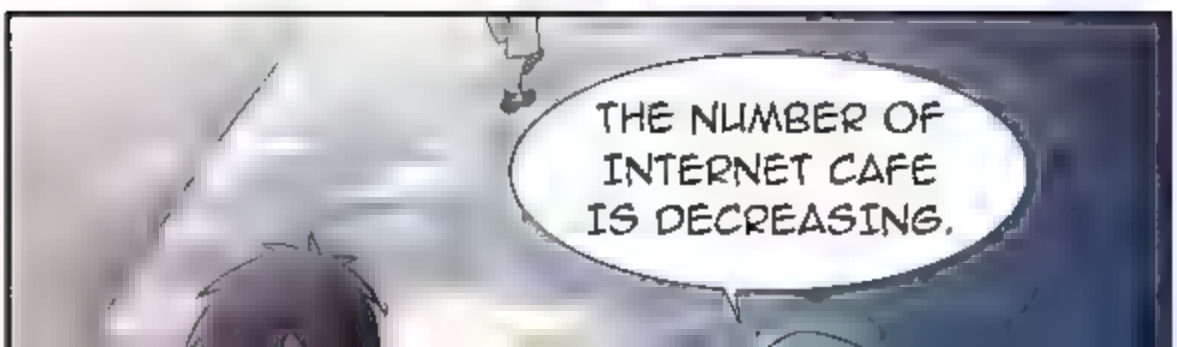
NORMAL JOBS IN THE REAL WORLD DON'T MEAN ANYTHING TO ME.

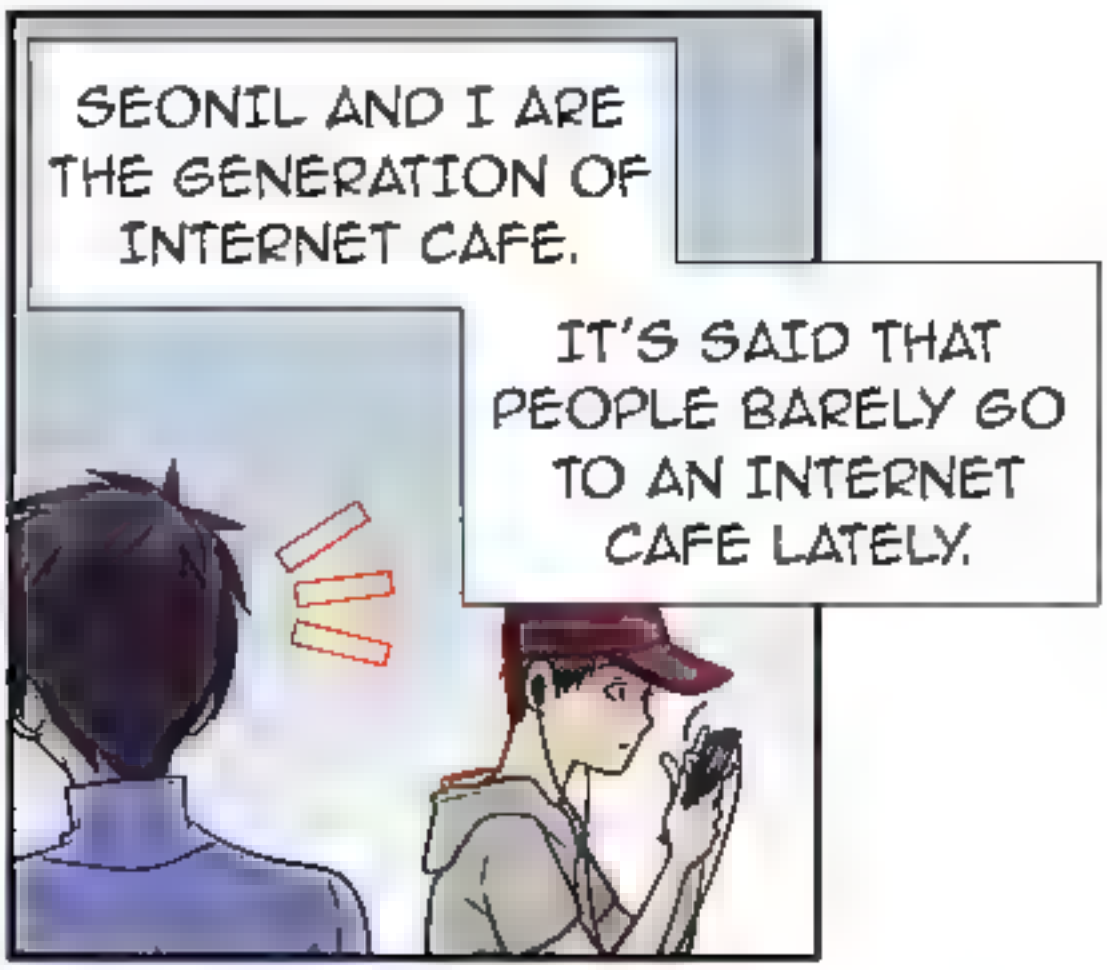
LITERALLY, I'M A YOUNG MAN WHO DOESN'T HAVE ANY PASSION OR DREAM IN THIS GENERATION.
TUT TUT,
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO LATER?

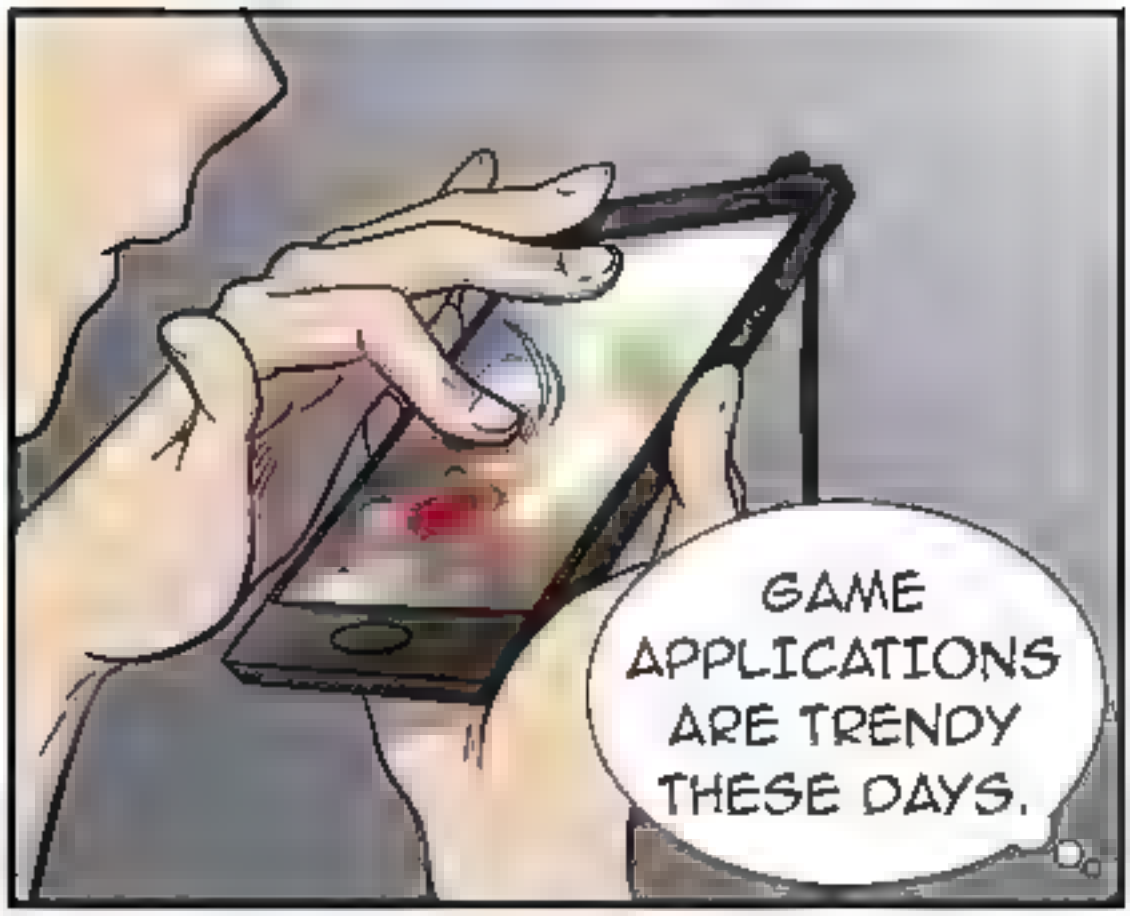

WELL, I CAN JUST OWN AN INTERNET CAFE, AND BE AN OWNER.
IS INTERNET CAFE BUSINESS GOOD THESE DAYS? I HEARD IT'S NOT.



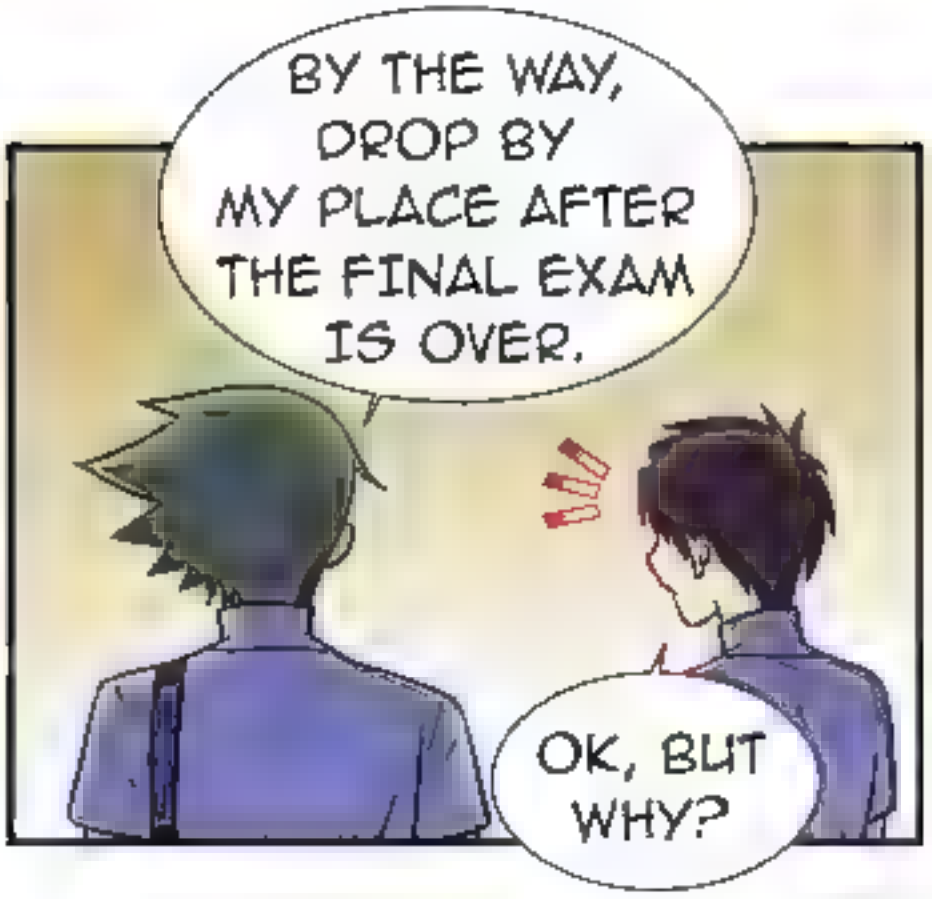
WELL, NOT SO GOOD.
BUT PEOPLE SAID, THE OWNERS STILL GET BY...
I GUESS ONLY A FEW PLACES MAKE GOOD MONEY.
THAT'S TRUE.


THE NUMBER OF INTERNET CAFE IS DECREASING.


SEONIL AND I ARE THE GENERATION OF INTERNET CAFE.
IT'S SAID THAT PEOPLE BARELY GO TO AN INTERNET CAFE LATELY.


GAME APPLICATIONS ARE TRENDY THESE DAYS.

I PLAY GAMES USING MY PHONE'S APPS A LOT, TOO...
BUT I STILL PREFER INTERNET CAFE MORE.


BY THE WAY, DROP BY MY PLACE AFTER THE FINAL EXAM IS OVER.
OK, BUT WHY?

LET'S DO SOME MINING.

MINING. IS THAT WHAT LOLIKIANO MENTIONED ABOUT?

YOU MEAN, FARMING TOGETHER?

YEAH.

*FARMING: COLLECTING MONEY OR ITEMS TO LEVEL UP A CHARACTER.

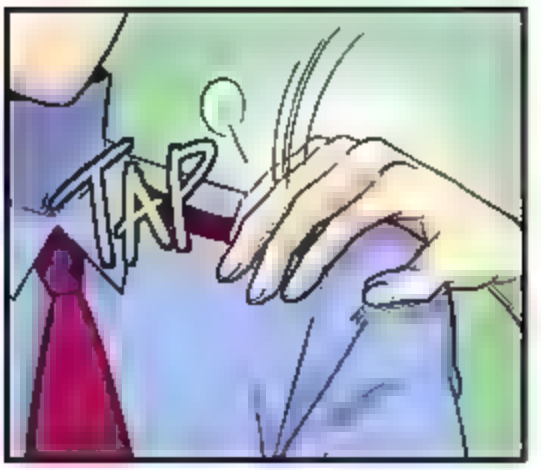
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER FOR YOU TO MAKE SOME MONEY?

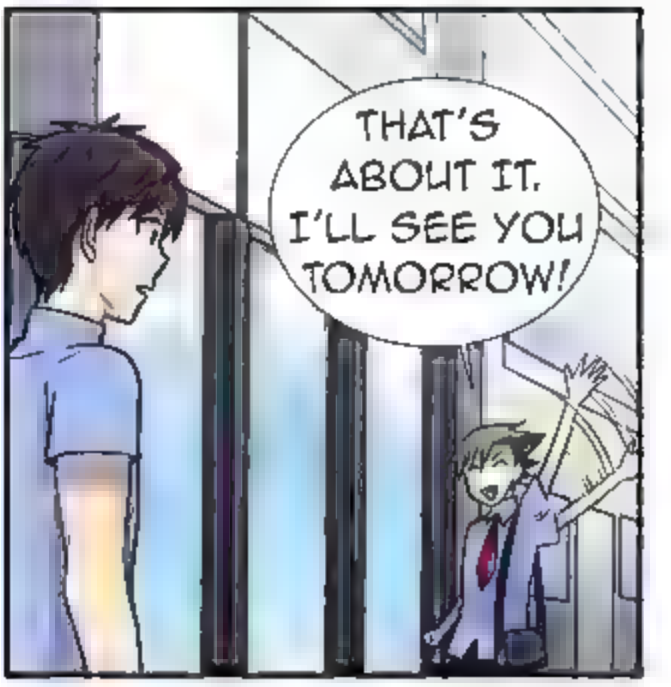
YOU HAD THAT INCIDENT BEFORE.

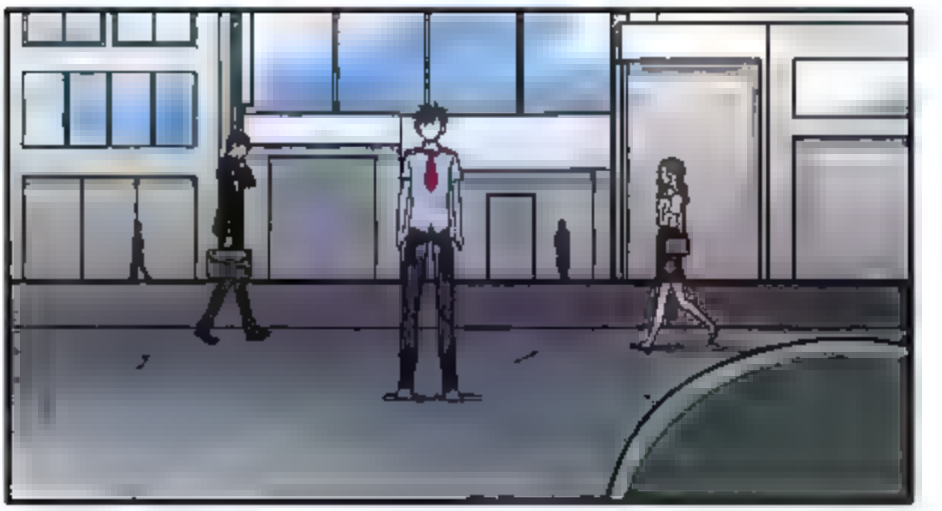
YOU'RE RIGHT. I'VE GOT TO START GETTING PREPARED.
DAEHAN TEN GATES.
THEY SAID THAT THEY'RE THE MOST POWERFUL TEN ORGANIZATIONS IN KOREA.
WHAT IF I HAVE TO DEAL WITH THEM BY MYSELF?
JUST THINKING ABOUT IT FREAKS ME OUT.

I HAVE TO BE LEVEL 200 AT LEAST.
WHEN WILL I INCREASE MY LEVEL TO THAT? THEN...

THE ONLY WAY IS TO LEVEL UP AND GET THE RIGHT ITEMS.

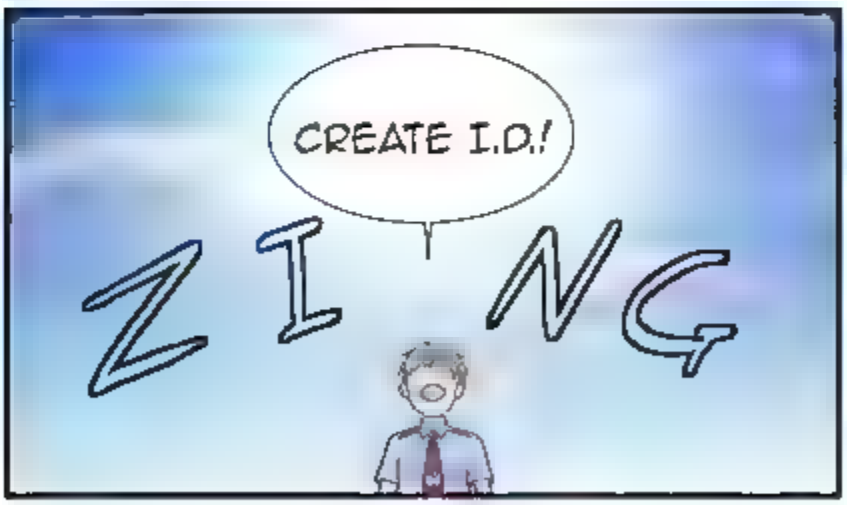


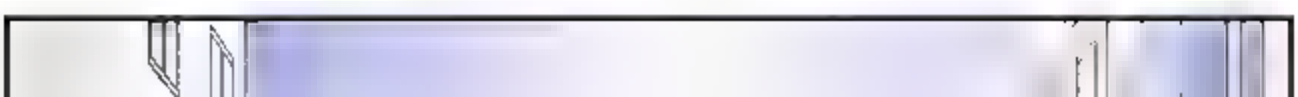




SEONG-A HWAN

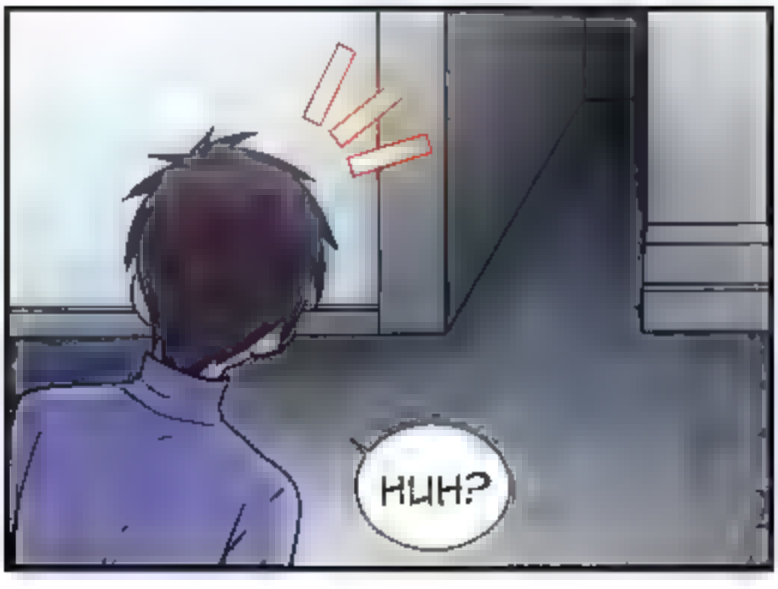
DOESN'T COME TO SCHOOL YET...
SHIYEON KWON JUST LEFT RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL.
I HAVE NOTHING TO DO. SHOULD I GO TO LOLIKIANO FOR TRAINING?


CREATE I.D.!
ZING



SHINY

TURN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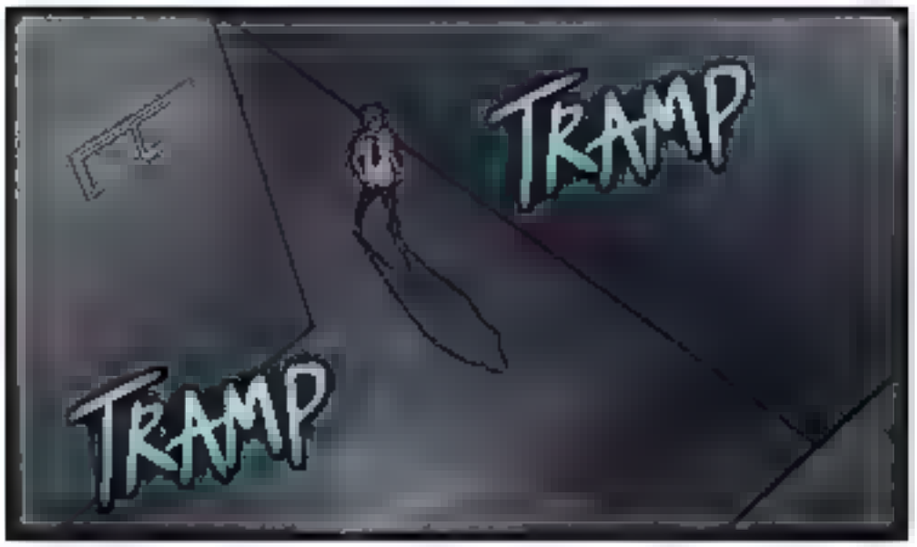
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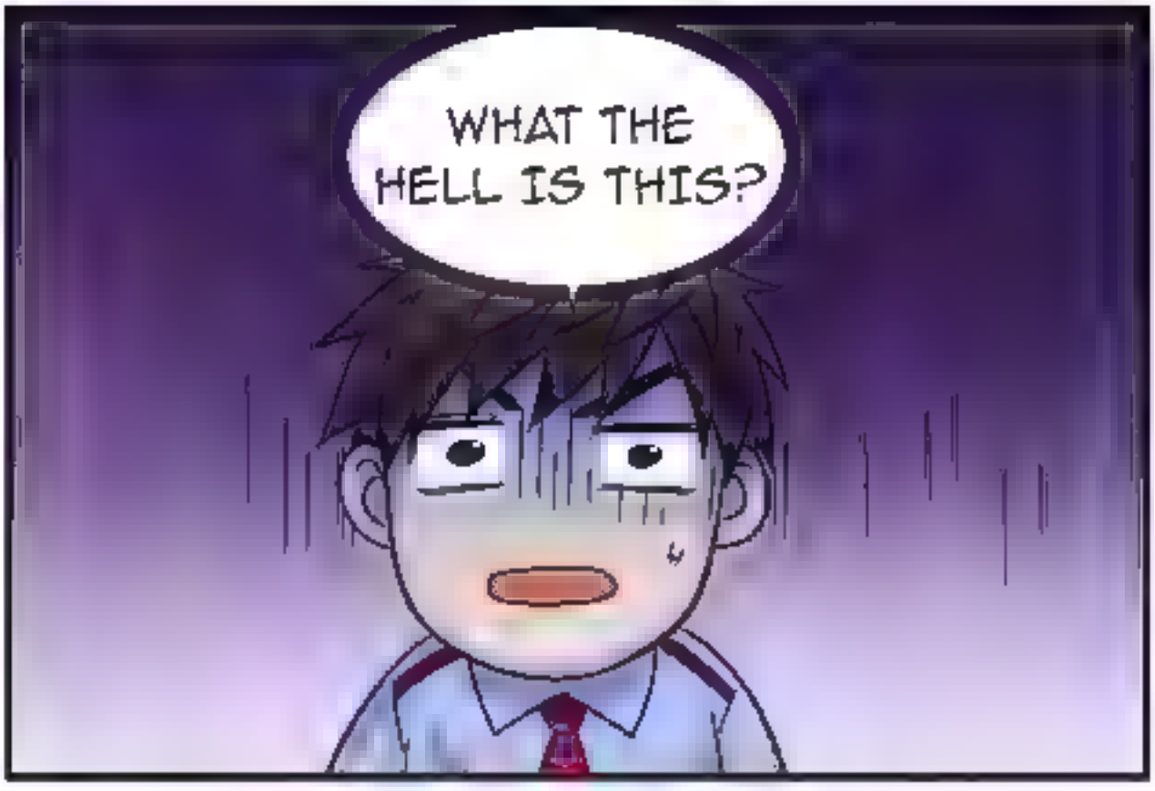


LINE Webtoon

THE GAMER

STORY BY SANGYOUNG SEONG
ILLUST BY SANG-A

A CAVE?

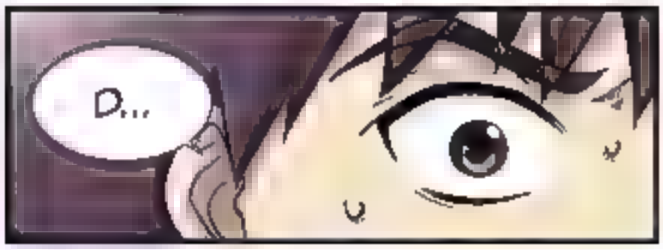
BEEP
!

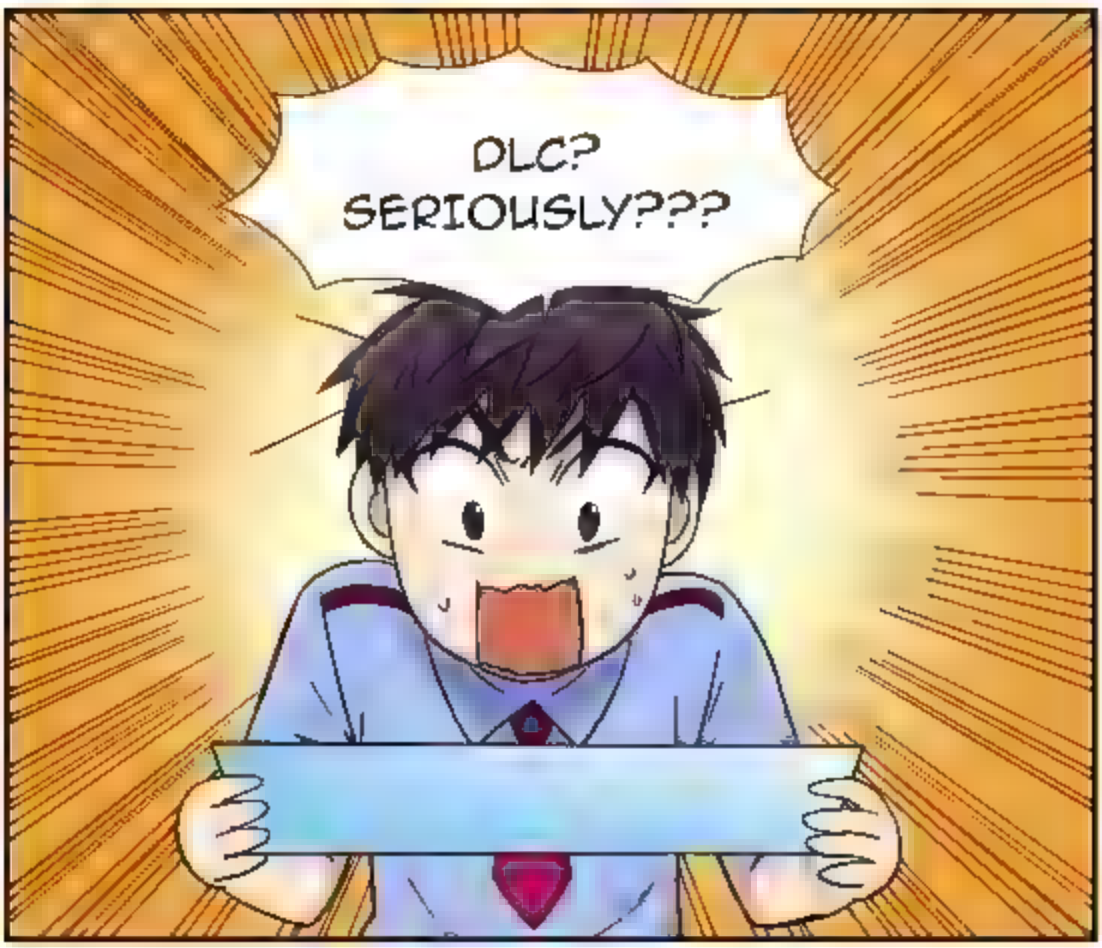
YOU'VE ENTERED
DLC THE GREAT LABYRINTH
ERA.
HUH?

YOU'VE FOUND THE GREAT LABYRINTH.

BEEP BEEP

YOU MAY ENTER THE DUNGEON.





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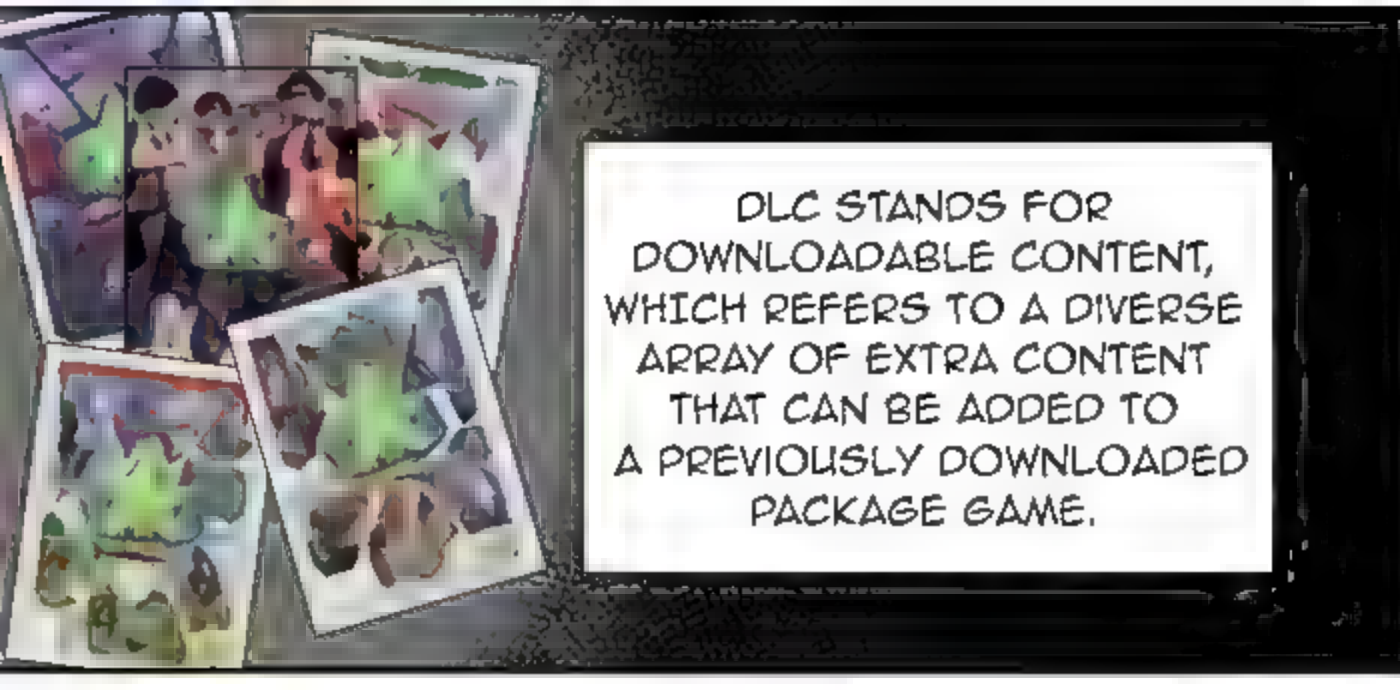
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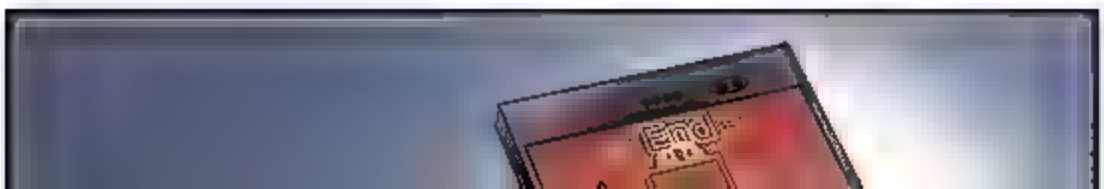
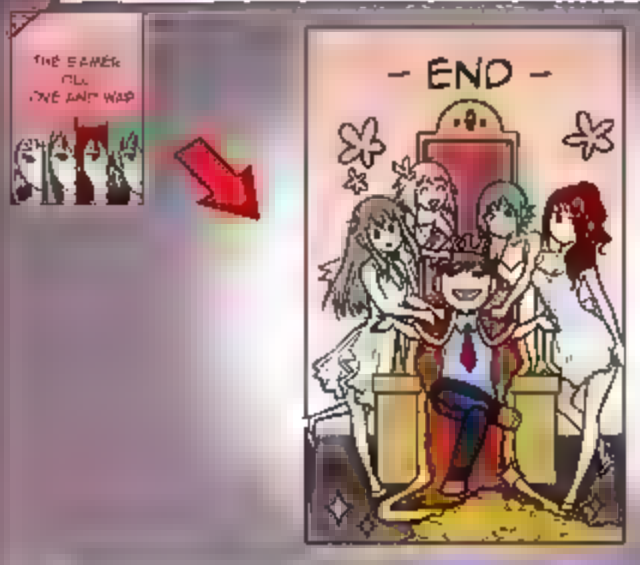


FOR EXAMPLE, LET'S SAY SOMETHING LIKE "THE GAMER APPLICATION" IS RELEASED.

SINCE IT'S AN RPG GAME, THERE'S AN END TO THE GAME.

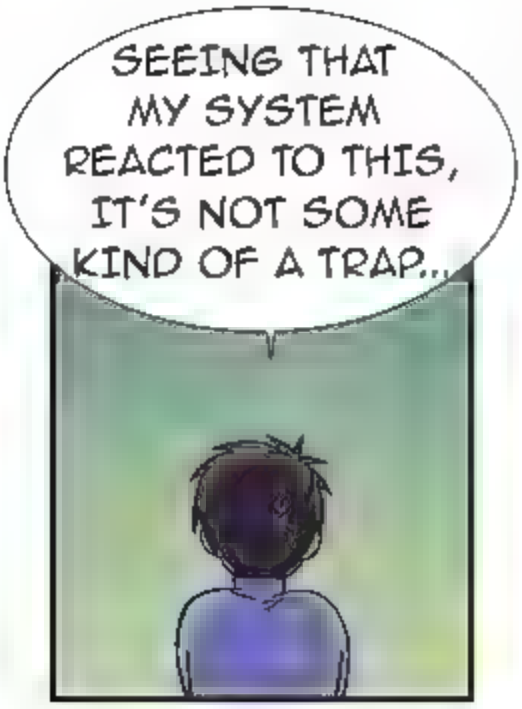
BUT THEN, THIS DLC IS RELEASED FOR YOU TO TRY AND ENJOY SIDE STORIES EVEN AFTER THE ENDING.



THERE IS ALSO A CASE WHERE CASH ITEMS ARE ADDED TO A FREE GAME.

BUT, DLC IN A PROTECTED SPACE? WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? AND

WHAT'S "THE GREAT LABYRINTH ERA"?
SHOULD I GO IN OR NOT?
THIS FEELS SO WEIRD...


SEEING THAT MY SYSTEM REACTED TO THIS, IT'S NOT SOME KIND OF A TRAP...

.....

TAP
HMM. THEN...

SHALL I GO INSIDE?

I'LL BE OK SINCE I'VE ACQUIRED A SKILL TO ESCAPE AN I.D.
SSS

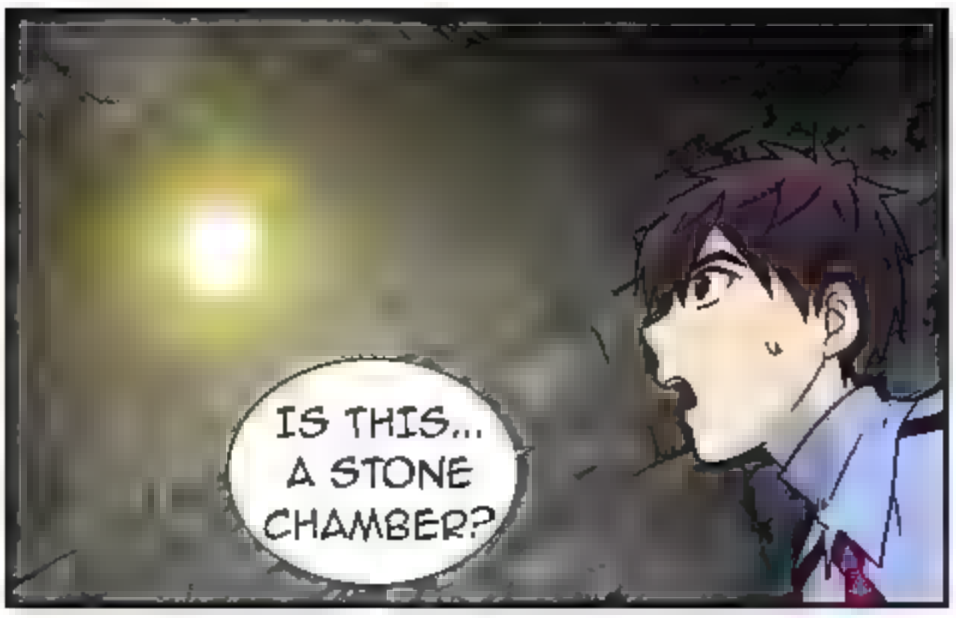
BEEP

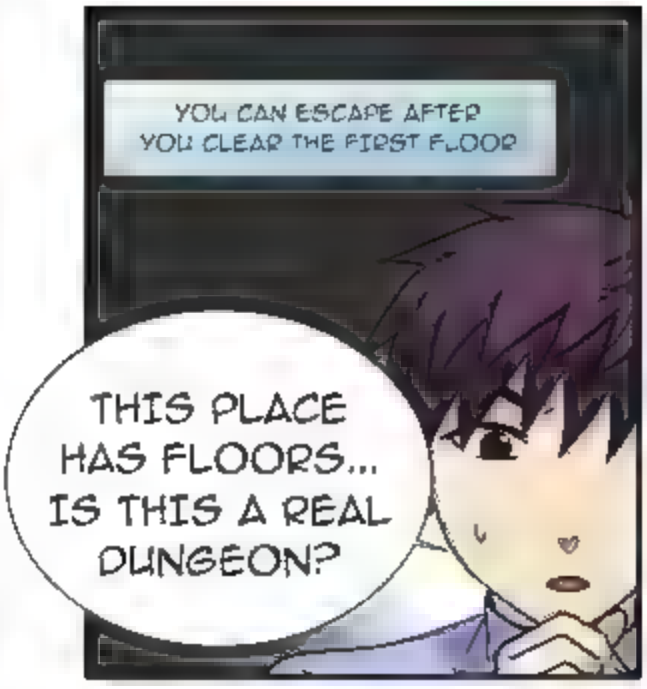
YOU'VE ENTERED
THE GREAT LABYRINTH.

BEEP

YOU CAN ESCAPE AFTER
YOU CLEAR THE FIRST FLOOR.

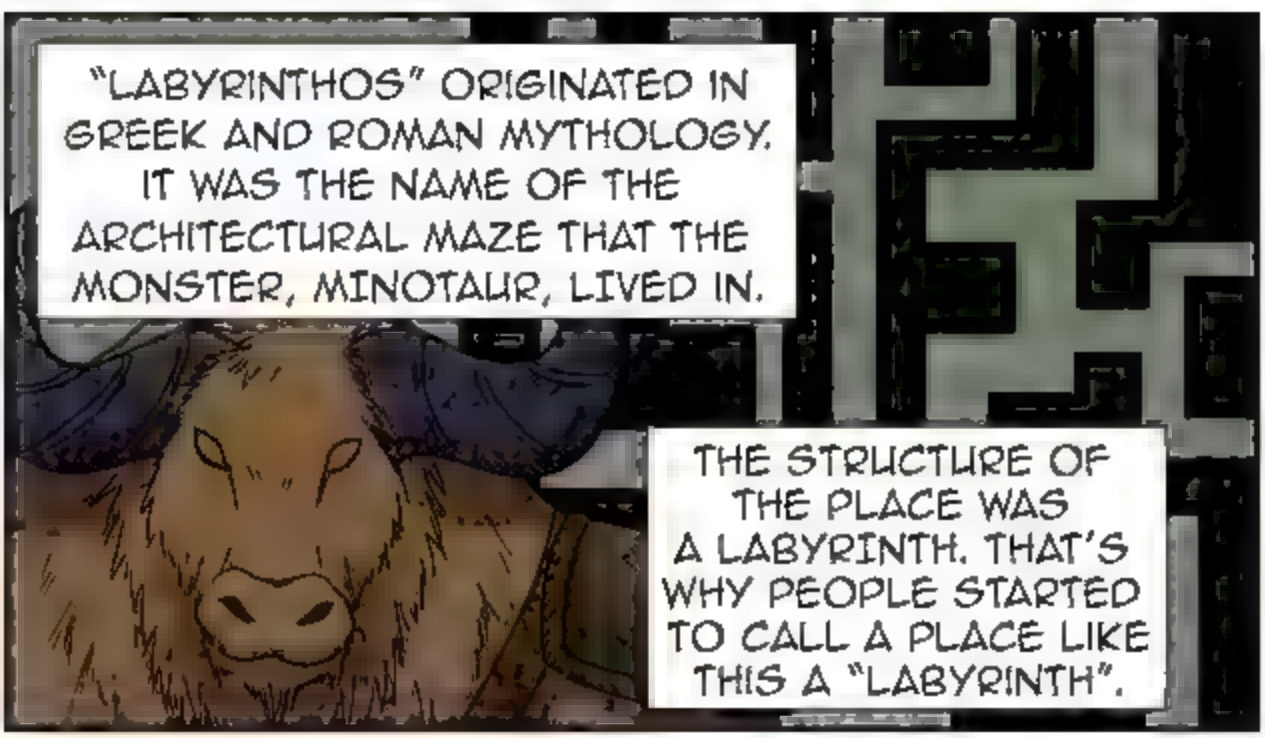
IS THE ENTRANCE GONE?
FLOATING LIGHTS.
FLASH


IS THIS... A STONE CHAMBER?

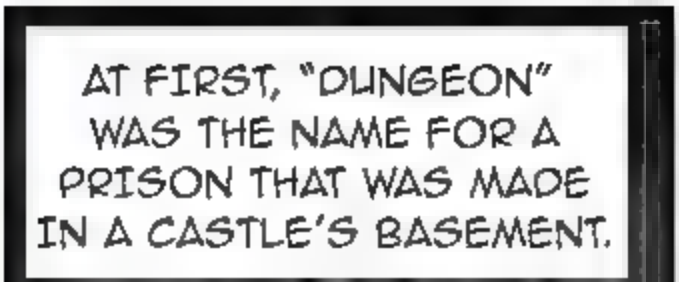

YOU CAN ESCAPE AFTER YOU CLEAR THE FIRST FLOOR
THIS PLACE HAS FLOORS... IS THIS A REAL DUNGEON?

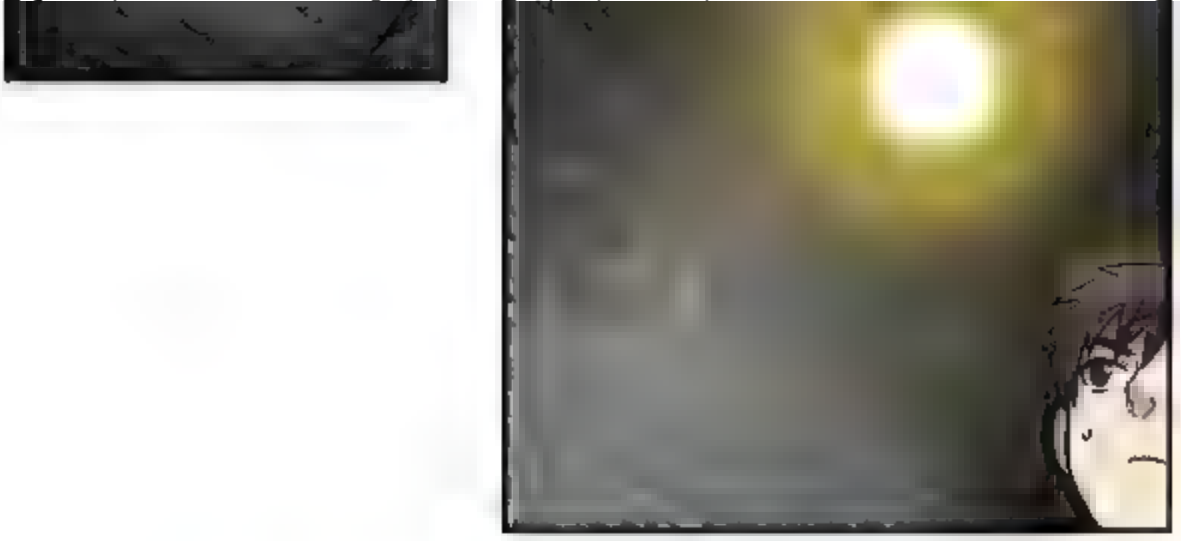
A LABYRINTH...

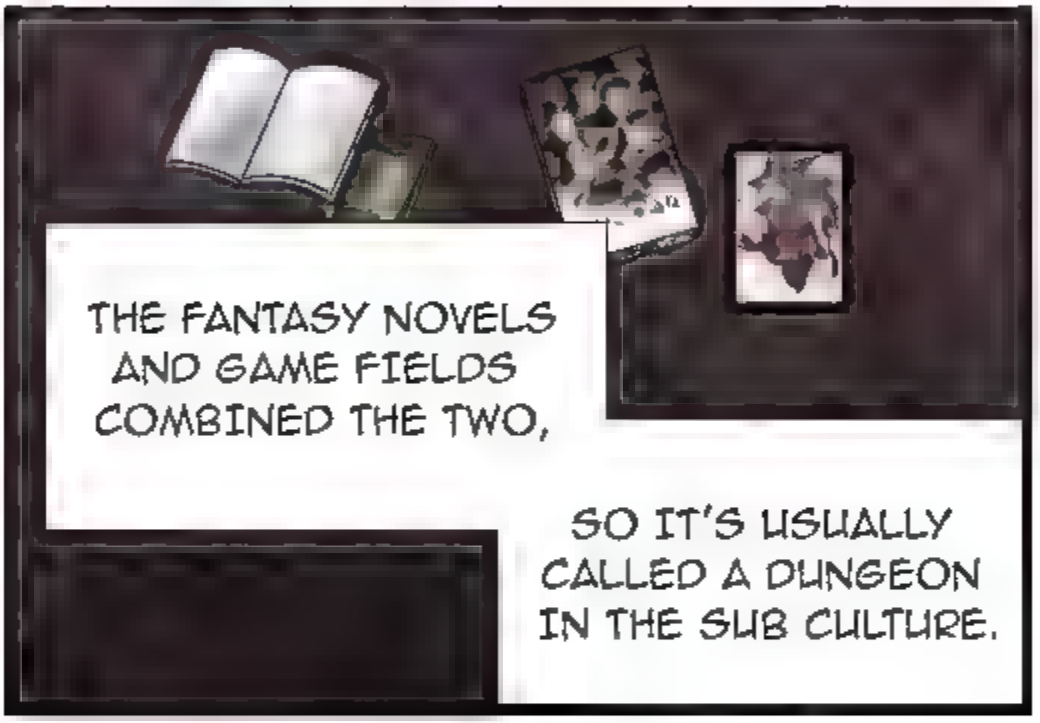
LABYRINTH.
IN OTHER WORDS, LABYRINTHOS.

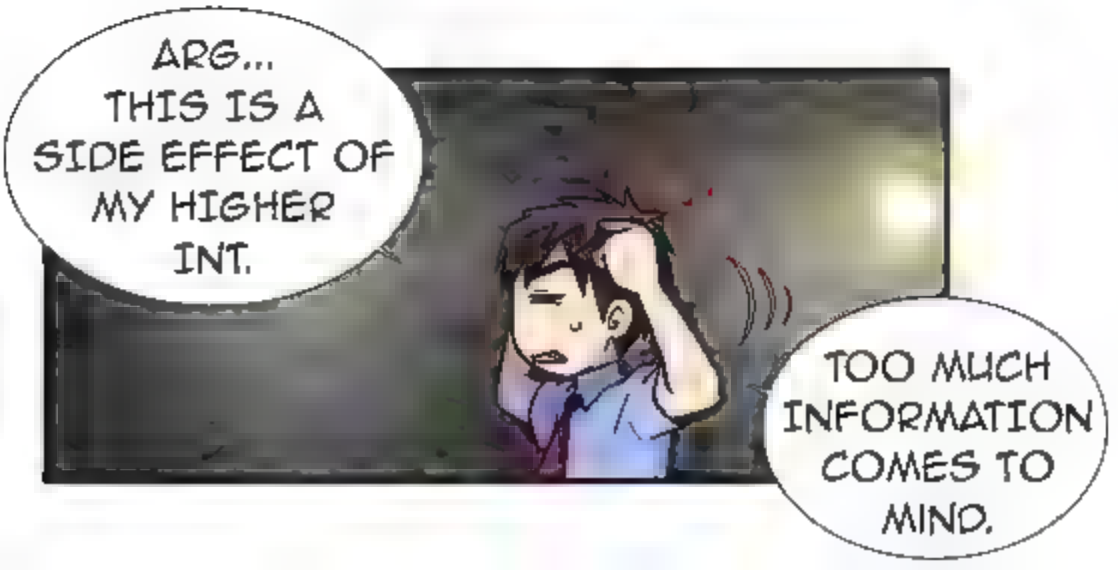

"LABYRINTHOS" ORIGINATED IN GREEK AND ROMAN MYTHOLOGY. IT WAS THE NAME OF THE ARCHITECTURAL MAZE THAT THE MONSTER, MINOTAUR, LIVED IN.
THE STRUCTURE OF THE PLACE WAS A LABYRINTH. THAT'S WHY PEOPLE STARTED TO CALL A PLACE LIKE THIS A "LABYRINTH".

SO, OTHER DUNGEONS ARE SOMETIMES CALLED LABYRINTHS AS WELL.


AT FIRST, "DUNGEON" WAS THE NAME FOR A PRISON THAT WAS MADE IN A CASTLE'S BASEMENT.

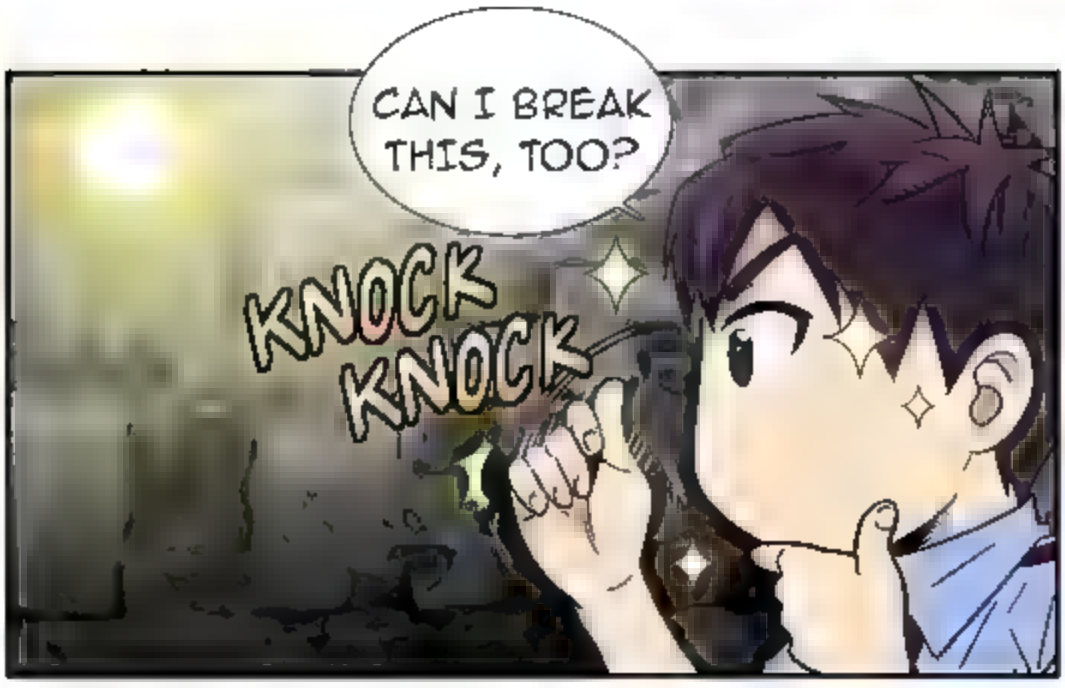



THE FANTASY NOVELS AND GAME FIELDS COMBINED THE TWO,
SO IT'S USUALLY CALLED A DUNGEON IN THE SUB CULTURE.


ARG... THIS IS A SIDE EFFECT OF MY HIGHER INT.
TOO MUCH INFORMATION COMES TO MIND.

BY THE WAY, WHAT KIND OF STONE IS THIS?

COME TO THINK OF IT, I EVEN DUG WALLS IN ROGUELIKE RPGS...


CAN I BREAK THIS, TOO?
KNOCK KNOCK

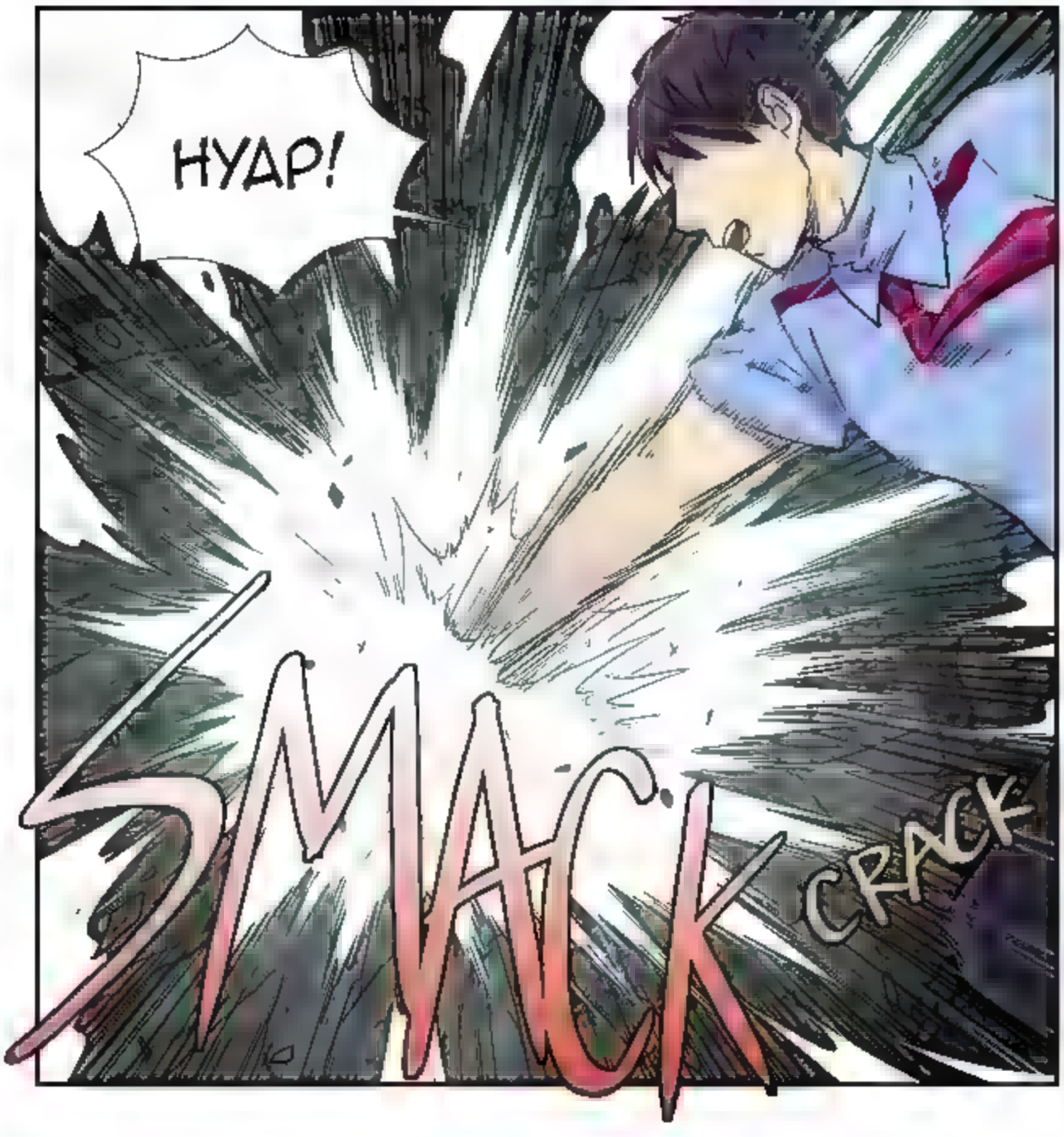
YOU SHOULDN'T FOLLOW A PATH, BUT MAKE ONE!
SWHI
I COMMAND AS A MINISTER OF MANA. RULES, BE DISTORTED AND ACCOMPLISH MY WILL.
RR
STEEL SKIN.

SWOOSH
FLATTERING THE WITCH WAS WORTH IT...

AND... THE PRINCIPLE OF CHEON BU'S THREE SKILLS!
PHAT

FWOOSH

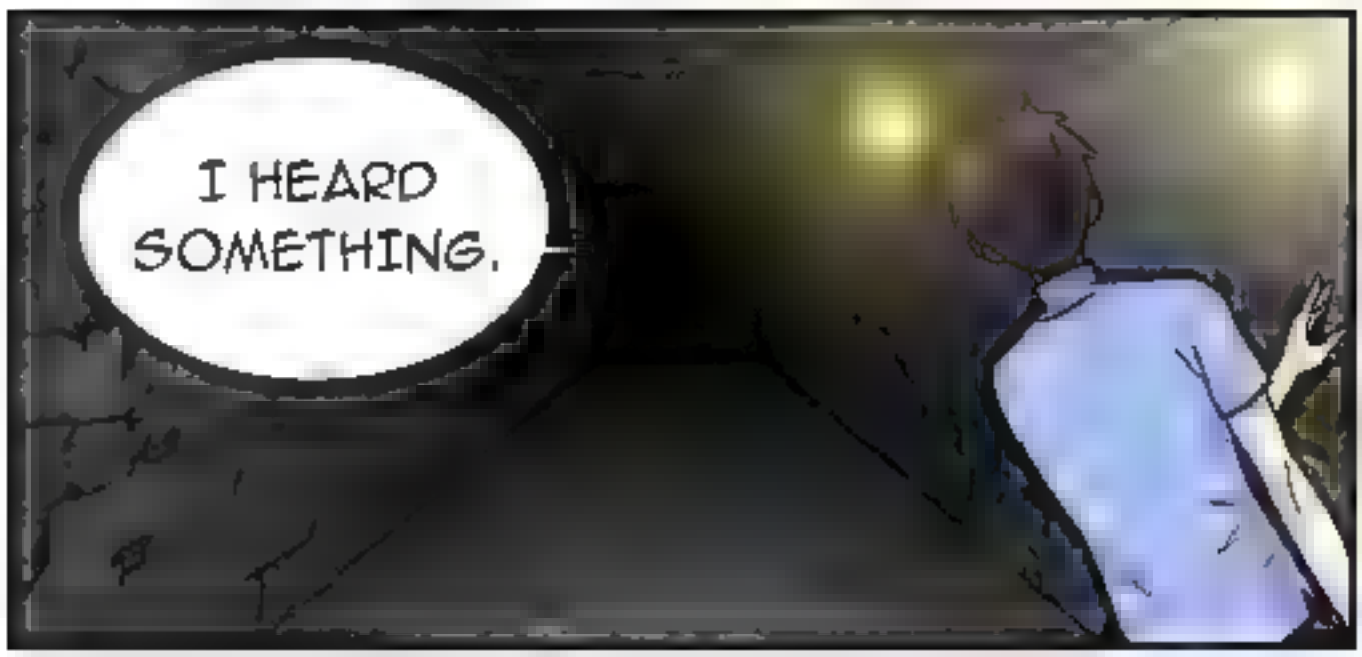
OK. THEN.... HERE I COME!

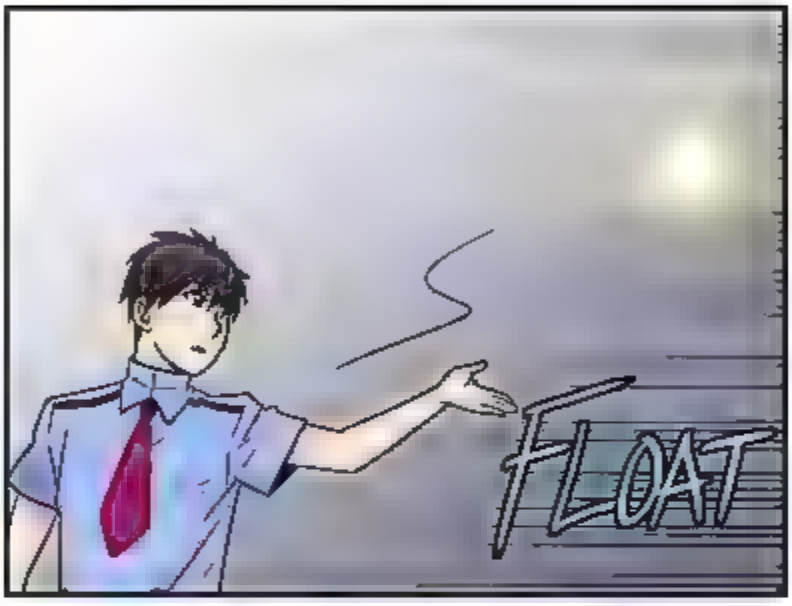

HYAP!
SMACK
CRACK

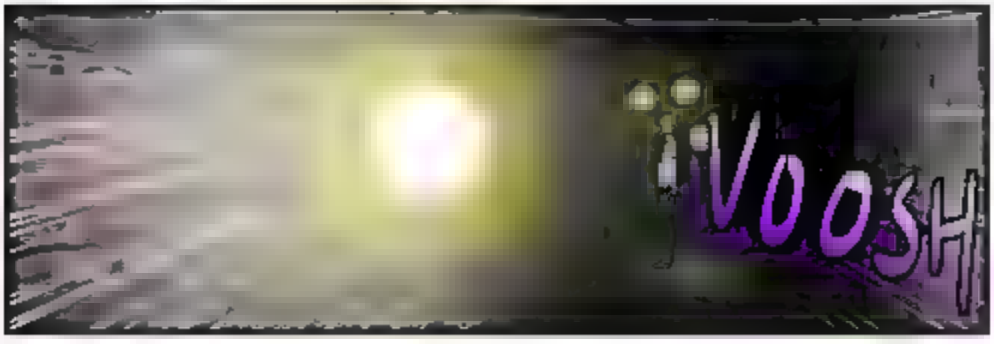
SHOO
CRACKLE

I GUESS ONE PUNCH ISN'T ENOUGH.

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I CAN BREAK THIS.
I'D BETTER USE EXPLOSIVE MAGIC...
SCREECH.
!

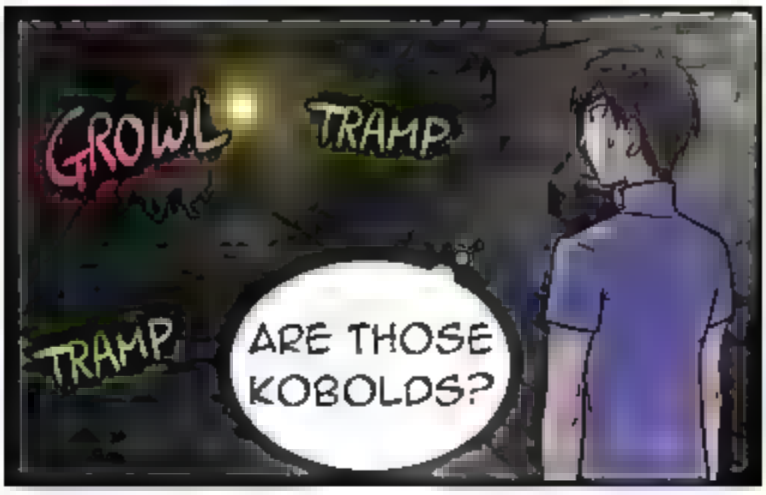

I HEARD SOMETHING.

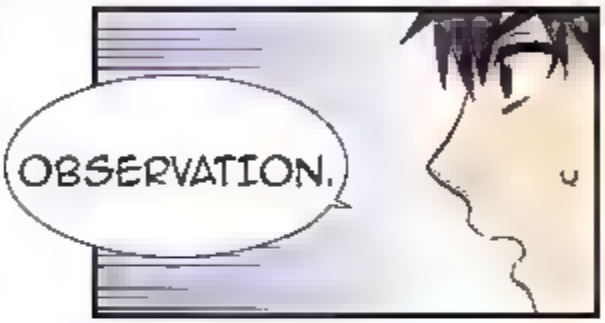

FLOAT


iVOOSH

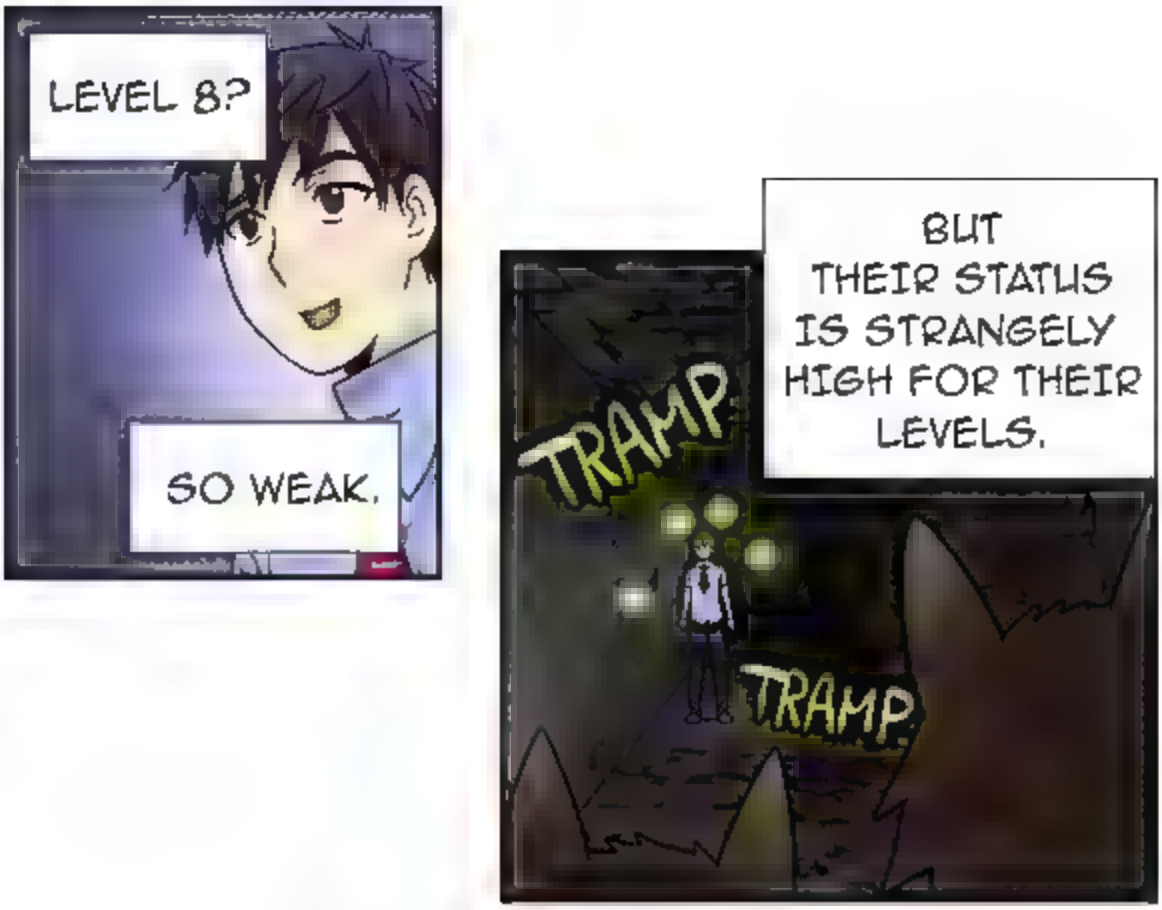
TWINKLE

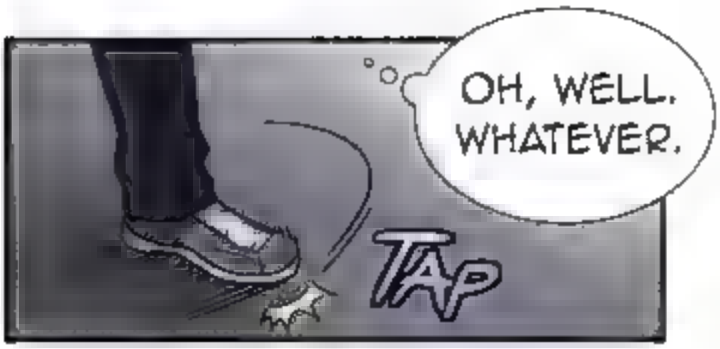
SSSS


GROWL
TRAMP
TRAMP
ARE THOSE KOBOLDS?

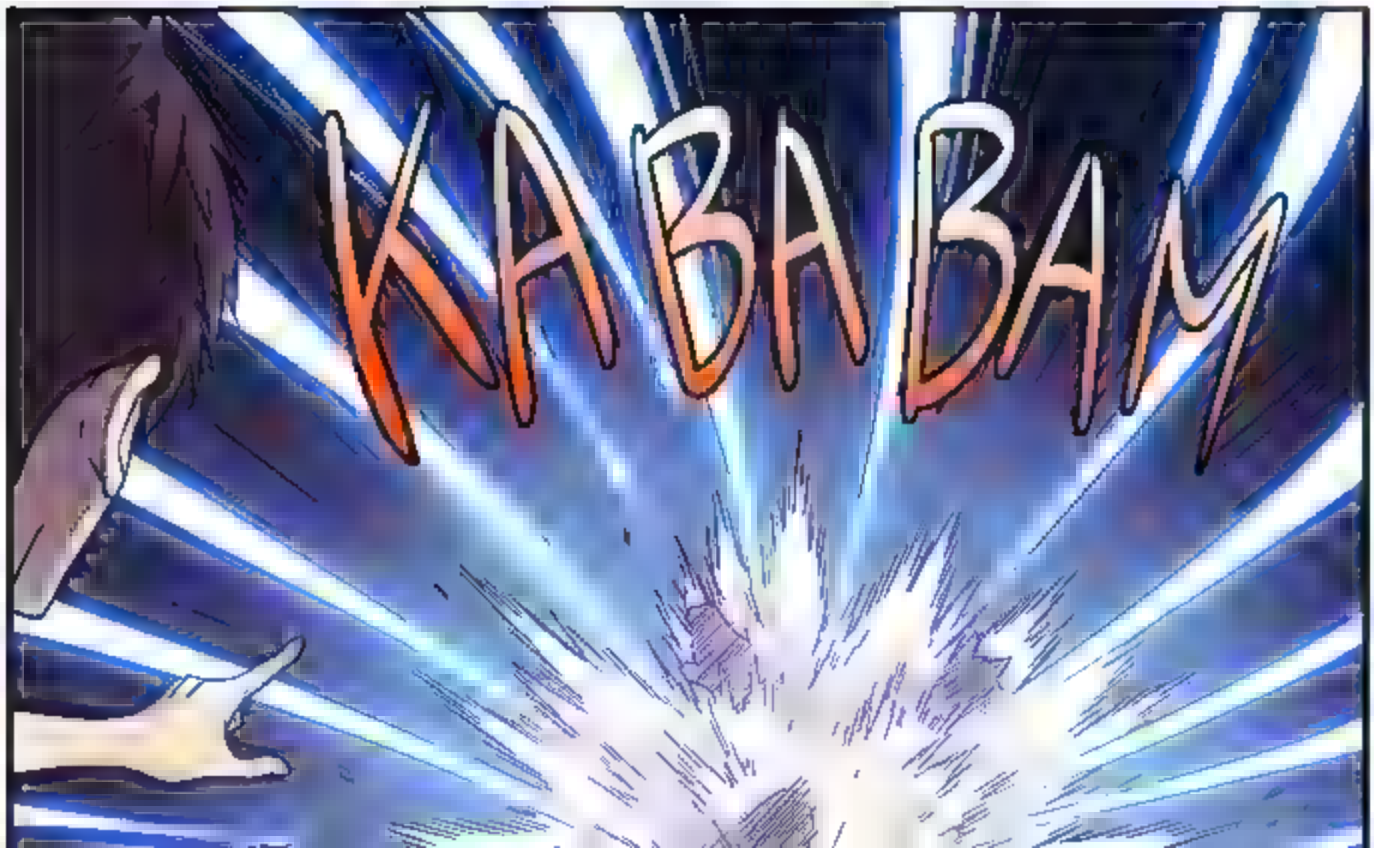

OBSERVATION.

SSSH-
SPECIES KOBOLD
TENDENCY: EVIL
LEVEL: 8 NEXT LV: 21 5?8
AGE 6
POWER: 18 DEXTERITY 36 STRENGTH: 26
INTELLIGENCE 23 WISDOM: 28 LUCK. 14
CHARM: 12
SPECIALTY: USE POISON(ACTIVE),
POINT 0

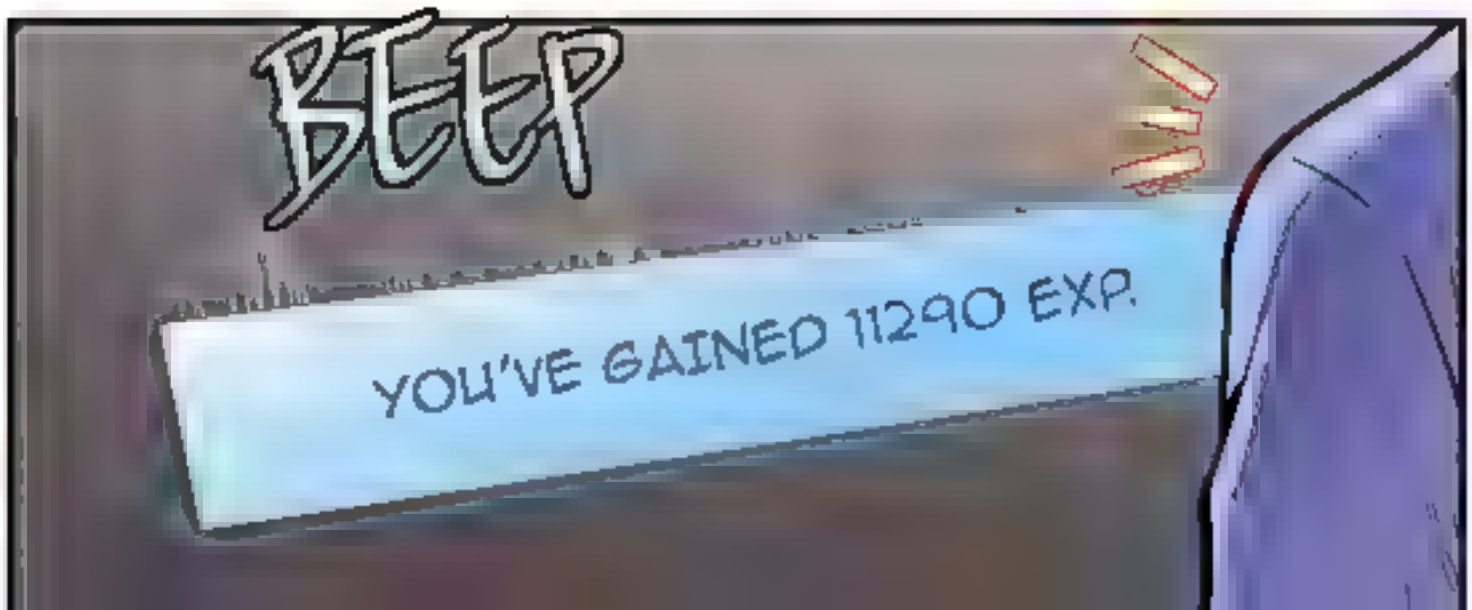

LEVEL 8?
SO WEAK.
BUT THEIR STATUS IS STRANGELY HIGH FOR THEIR LEVELS.
TRAMP
TRAMP

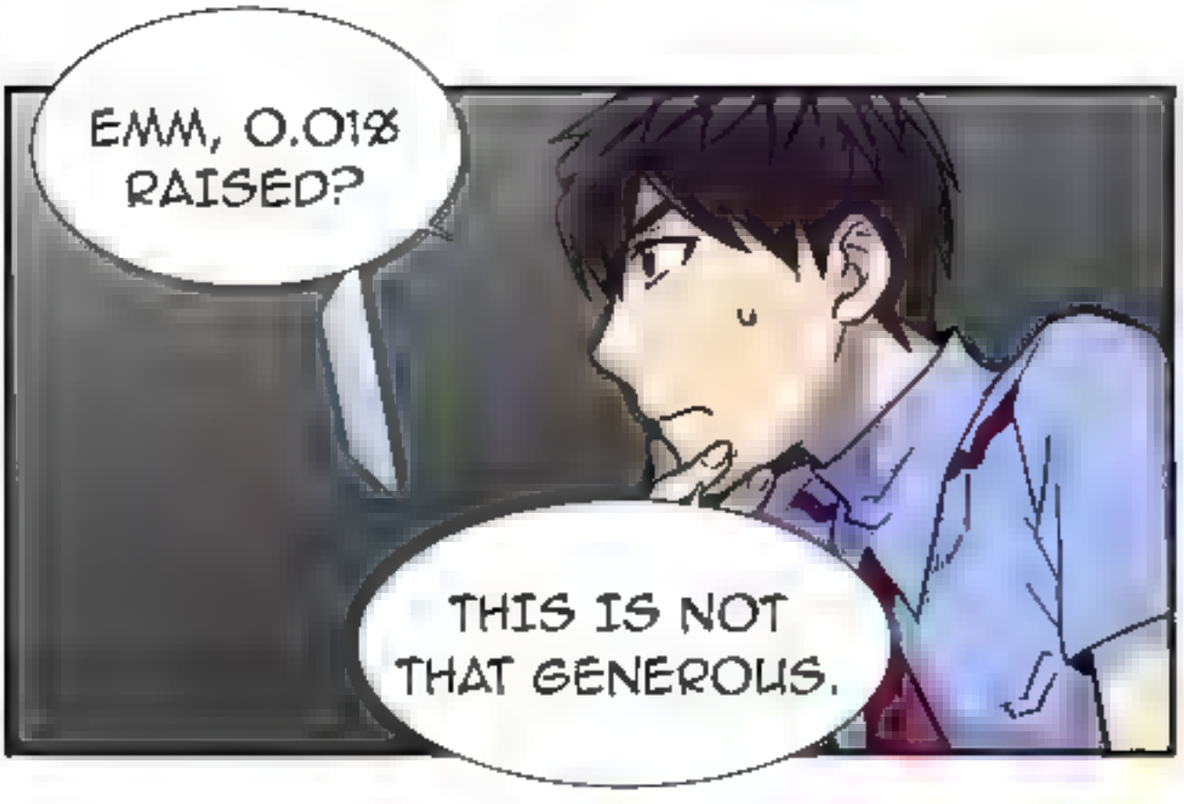

OH, WELL. WHATEVER.
TAP

WELL, SHOULD I GIVE THEM A JAB?
SPINNING MANA ARROW!
SWIRL


KABABAM

PSSSH


BEEP
YOU'VE GAINED 11290 EXP.

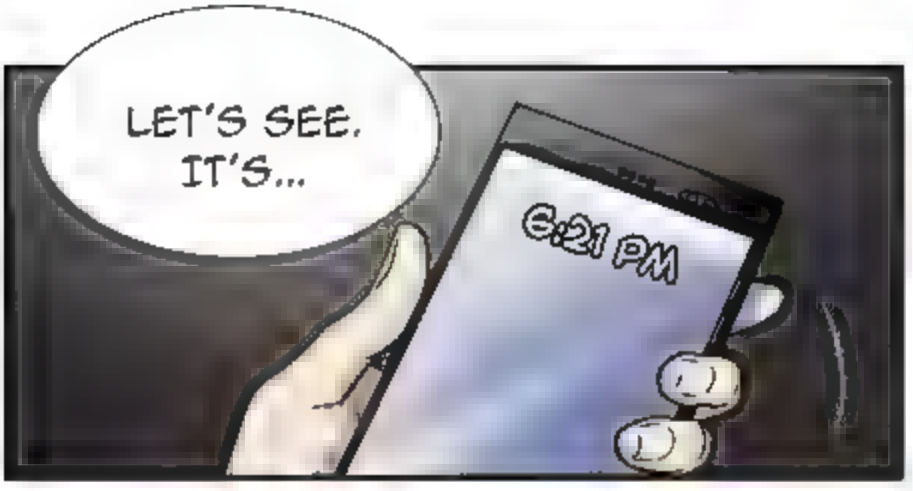

EMM, 0.01% RAISED?
THIS IS NOT THAT GENEROUS.

DOES THIS MEAN I NEED TO KILL 10000 OF THEM TO LEVEL UP?
GOSH

ANYWAY, WHAT IS THE TIME RATIO LIKE IN HERE?
I HAVE TO KNOW THAT TO DECIDE HOW LONG I'LL STAY HERE...
SSH

UMM

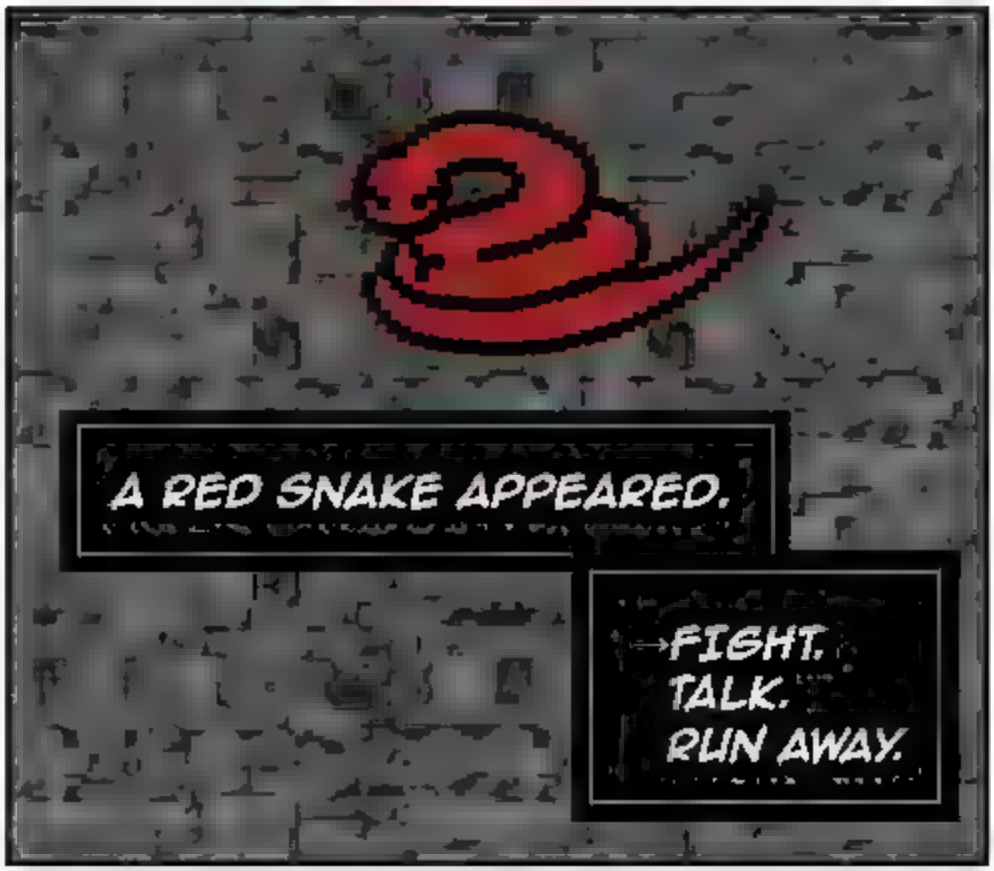
WHAT THE HELL. I'LL SEE AFTER I CLEAR THE FIRST FLOOR.


LET'S SEE. IT'S...
6:21 PM

ALRIGHT. THEN...
SHOULD I START CLEARING THE DUNGEON?

THE GAMER

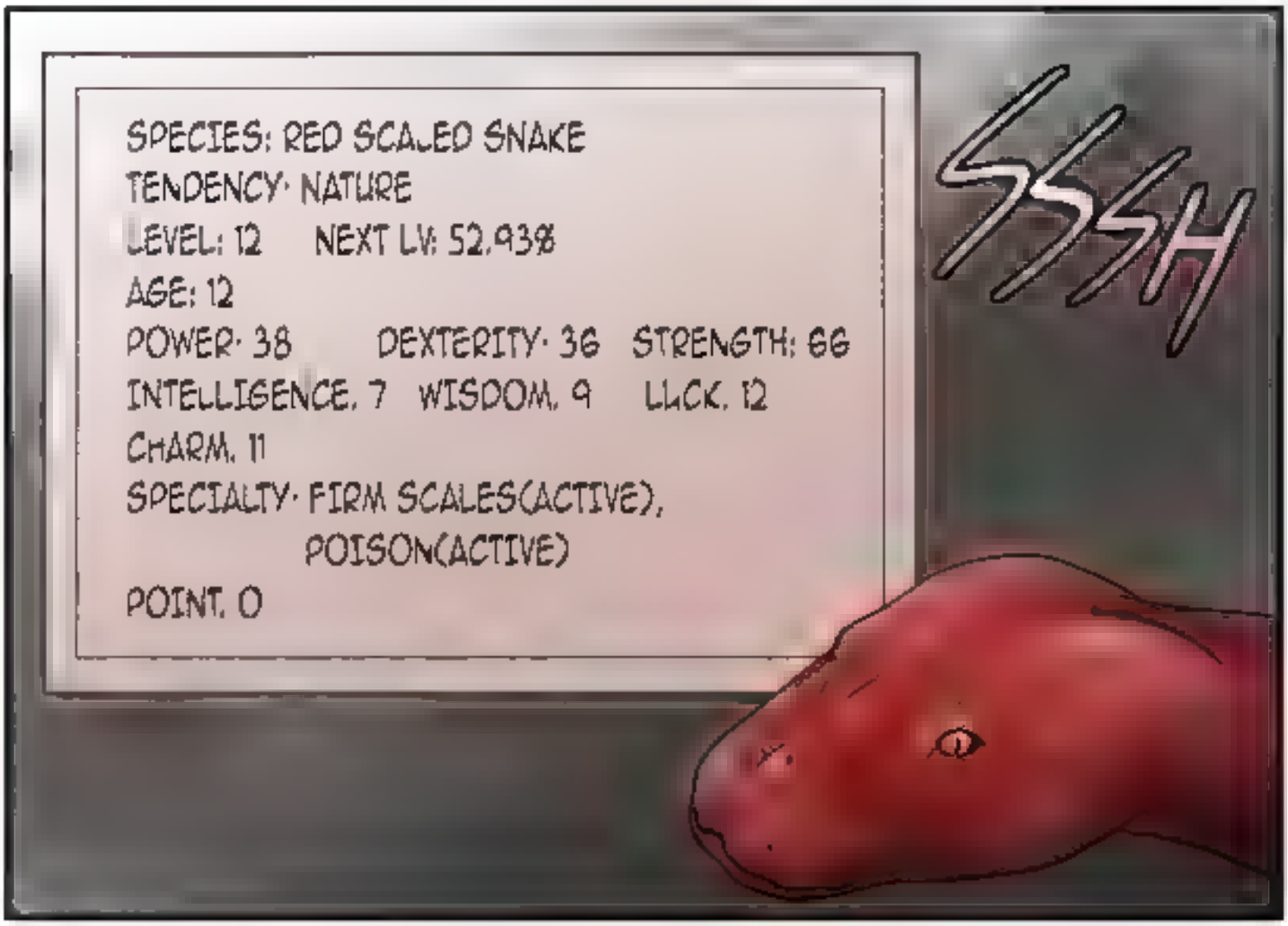
TADA TADA


A RED SNAKE APPEARED.
→FIGHT.
TALK.
RUN AWAY.

IF IT WERE A CLASSIC RPG GAME,
WOULD IT BE LIKE THIS? HAHA.

IT'S GIGANTIC.

LOOKS LIKE IT'S ABOUT 10M LONG.
OBSERVATION.


SPECIES: RED SCALED SNAKE
TENDENCY: NATURE
LEVEL: 12 NEXT LV: 52.93%
AGE: 12
POWER: 38 DEXTERITY: 36 STRENGTH: 66
INTELLIGENCE. 7 WISDOM. 9 LUCK. 12
CHARM. 11
SPECIALTY: FIRM SCALES(ACTIVE),
POISON(ACTIVE)
POINT. 0
SSSH

ITS STRENGTH, POWER, AND DEXTERITY ARE PRETTY HIGH.

I CAN'T BELIEVE A SNAKE THAT'S ONLY LEVEL 12 HAS STATS THIS HIGH.
WHAT KIND OF DUNGEON IS THIS?

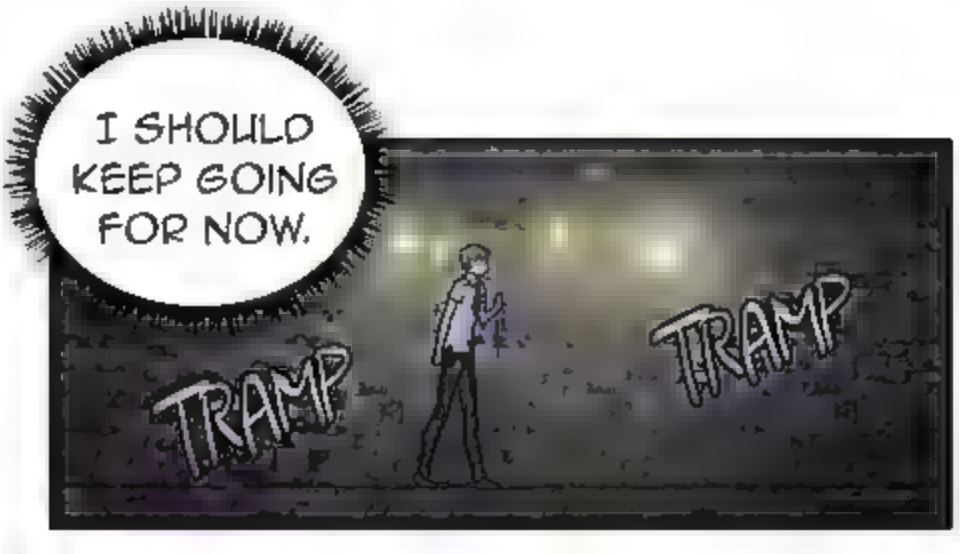
WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYWAY.
SPIN

SPINNING MANA ARROW!
RUMBLE
SCREECH

THANKS TO MY HIGH INT, THIS IS NOTHING FOR ME WHO IS SPECIALIZED IN LONG RANGE ATTACKS.

I'M GLAD I DIDN'T RAISE MY SKILL LVL FOR SHORT RANGE ATTACKS.
BEEP
OU'VE GAINED 23410 EXP.

BY THE WAY, HOW COULD IT NOT DROP ANY ITEMS?
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE


I SHOULD KEEP GOING FOR NOW.
TRAMP
TRAMP

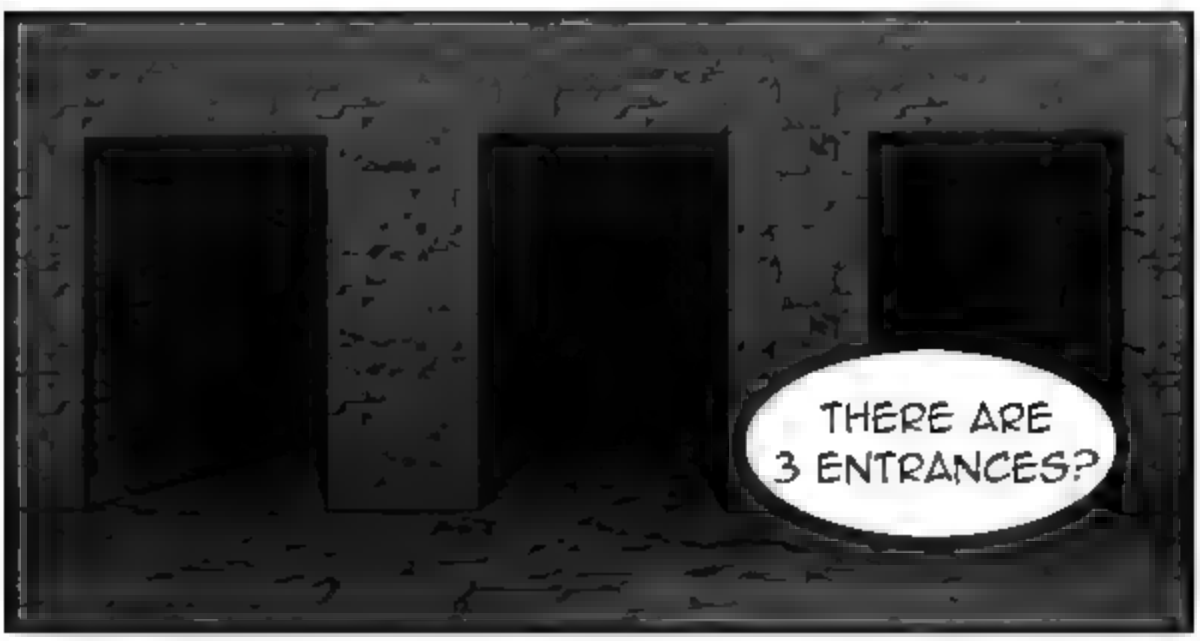
HUH?

THERE ARE THREE ENTRANCES?

LINE Webtoon

THE GAMER

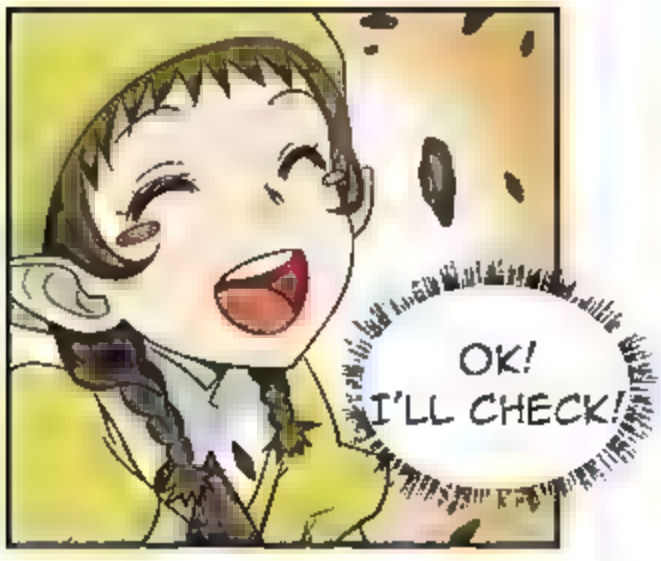
STORY BY SANGYOUNG SEONG
ILLUST BY SANG-A



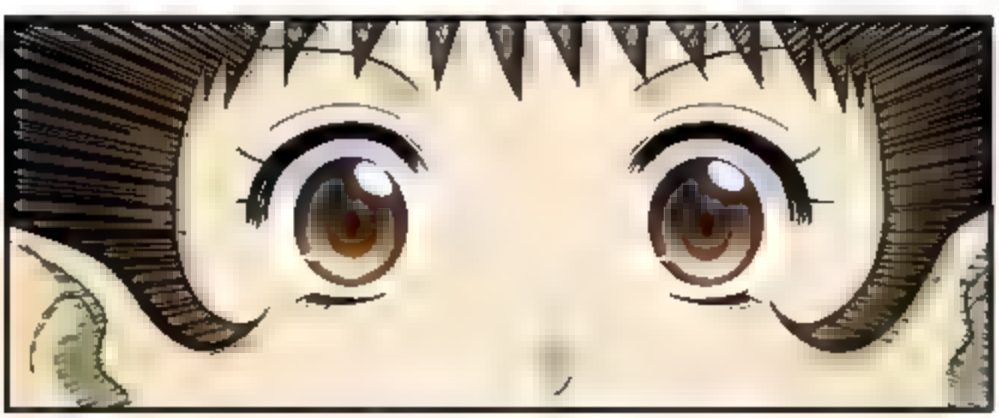
WHICH WAY SHOULD I GO?
THAT'S RIGHT!

GNOME.
POP
UP
YES!

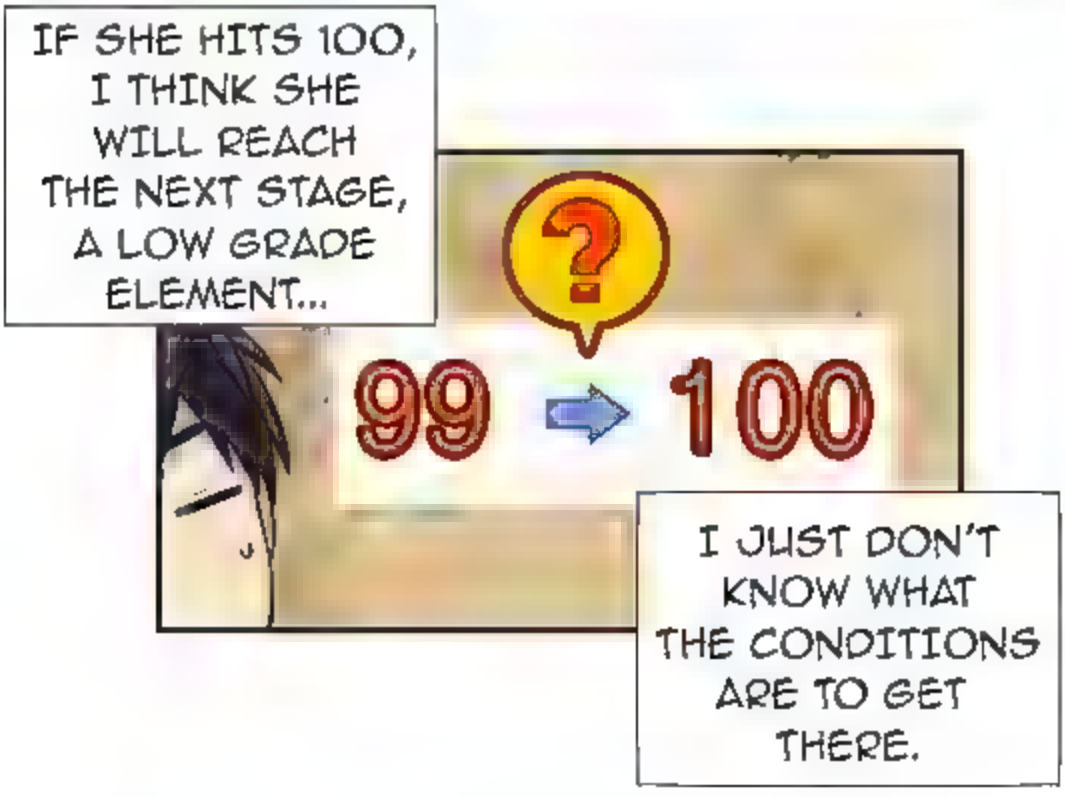
PLEASE CHECK IF THERE ARE ANY LIVING THINGS AROUND HERE.

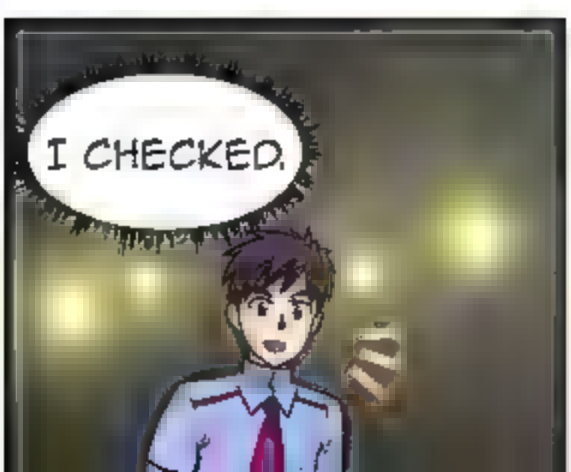

OK! I'LL CHECK!

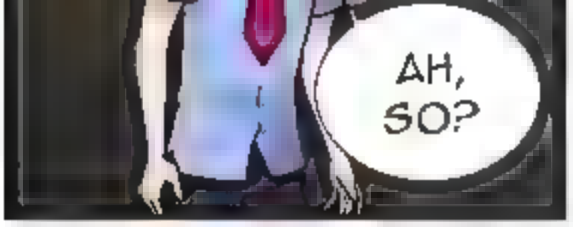
SSSS



GNOME HAS STOPPED AT LEVEL 99, THE HIGHEST THAT THE LOWEST OF GRADE ELEMENTS CAN GO.


IF SHE HITS 100, I THINK SHE WILL REACH THE NEXT STAGE, A LOW GRADE ELEMENT...
?
99
100
I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT THE CONDITIONS ARE TO GET THERE.


I CHECKED.


AH, SO?

THIS ONE HAS 31.
45 IN HERE.
121 IN THERE.

YEAH?

THEN... WHICH WAY SHOULD I GO?

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH WAY I GO THOUGH.
SHALL I CHOOSE THE ENTRANCE WITH THE MOST LIVING THINGS?

THANKS, GNOME.

HEH HEH.
LET'S GO.

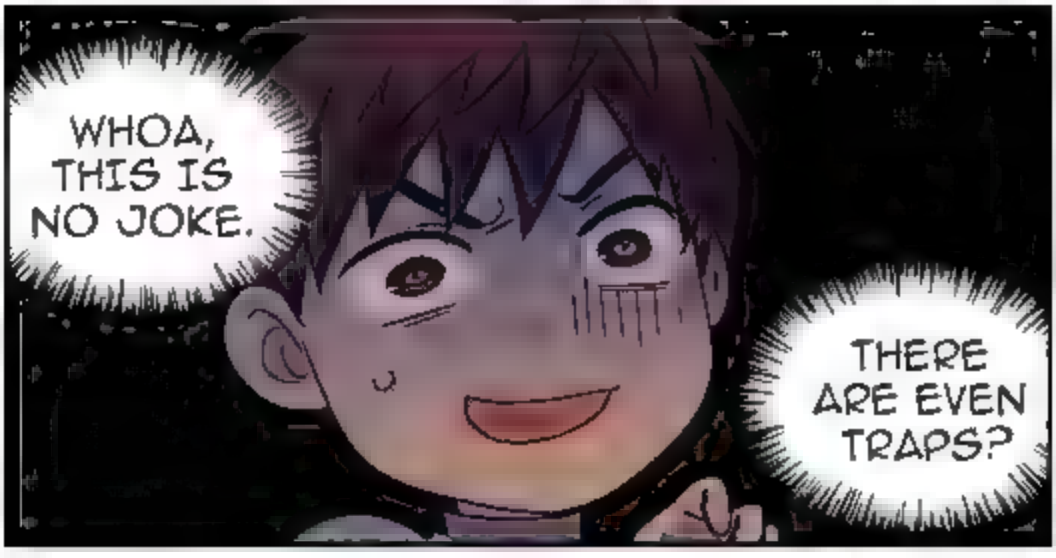
STUMP
STUMP

CLICK

HUH?
CLICK?
TWINKLE

WOOSH
CLANK
CLANK

CLANK
CLANK
CLANK
WOOSH


WHOA, THIS IS NO JOKE.
THERE ARE EVEN TRAPS?

I DIDN'T GET ANY DAMAGE THANKS TO STEEL SKIN,

BUT...

BAM!

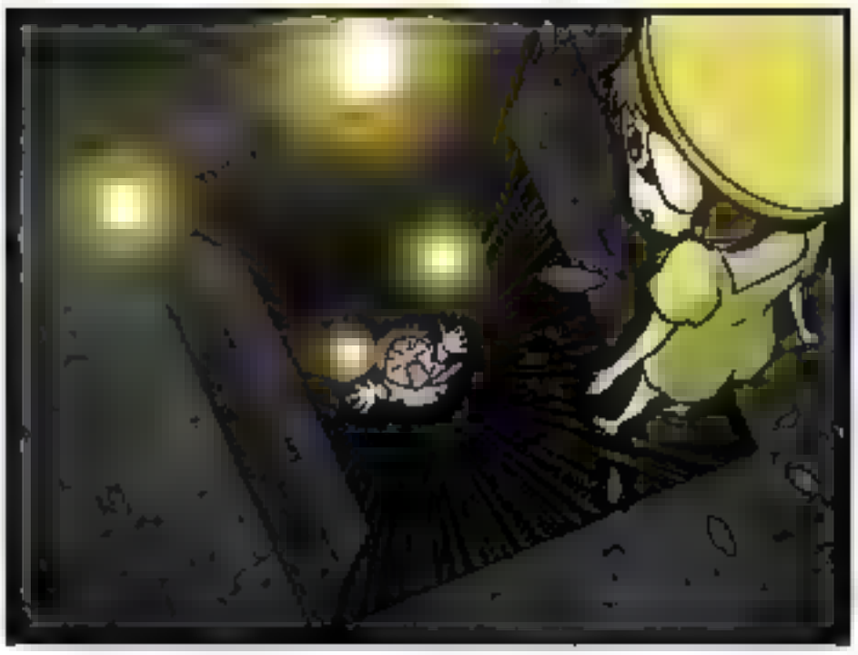
THIS IS A DANGEROUS PLACE.

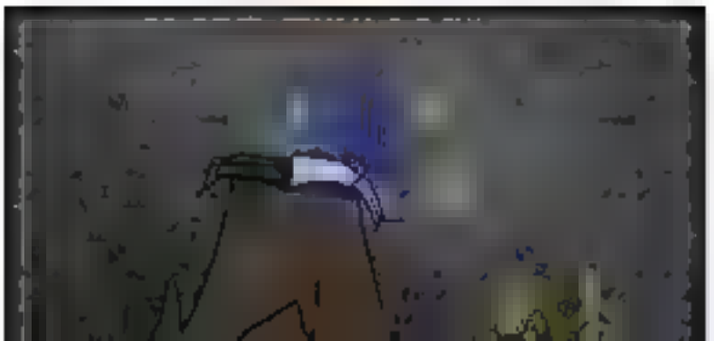
NORMAL PEOPLE WOULD HAVE ALREADY DIED.

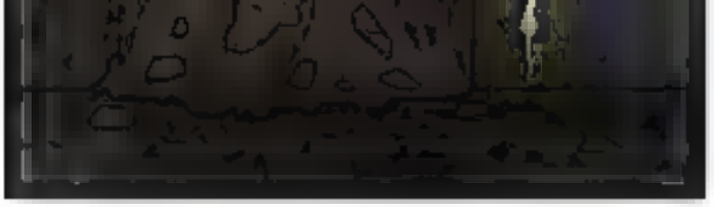
GNOME,

WOULD YOU TELL ME IN ADVANCE IF THERE ARE STRANGE THINGS LIKE THIS AROUND?

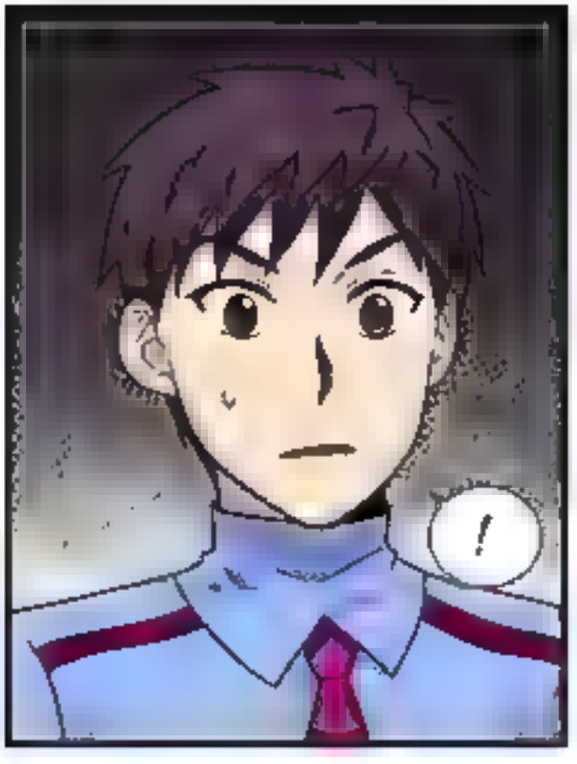
OK!







STUMP
STUMP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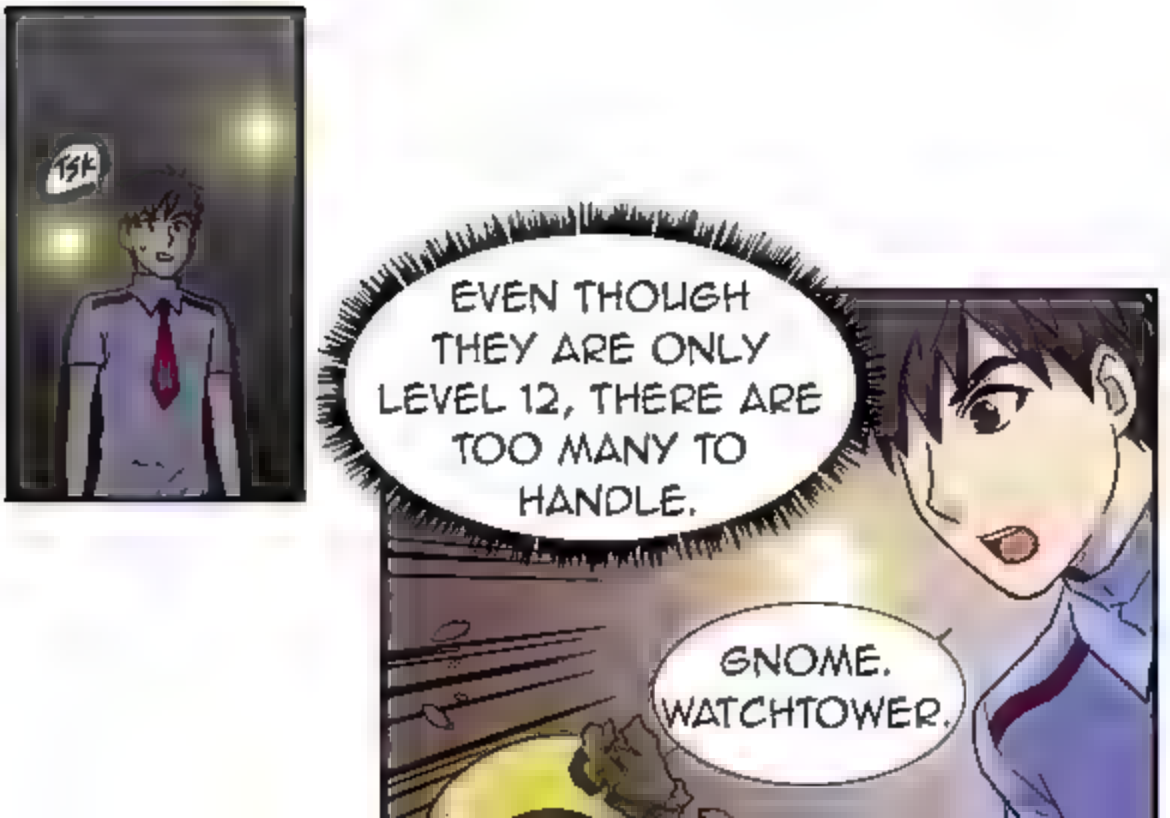
SQUIRM SQUIRM

WHAT'S WITH THIS PLACE?

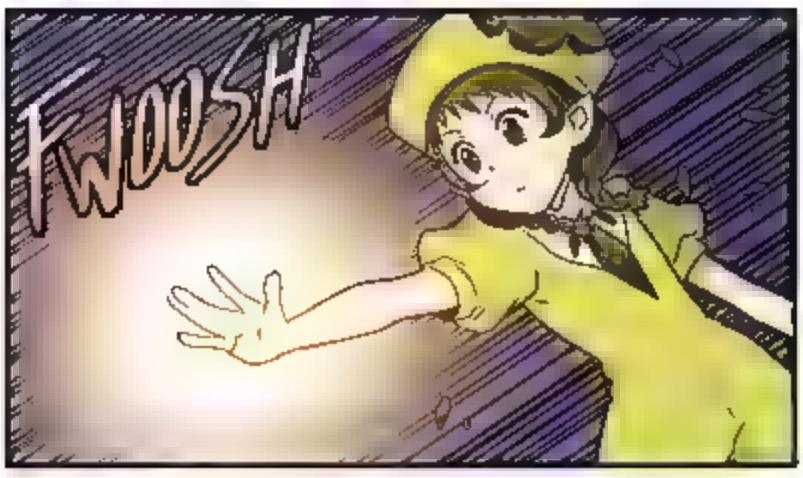
IS THIS A SNAKE BREEDING FARM OR SOMETHING?

THUD

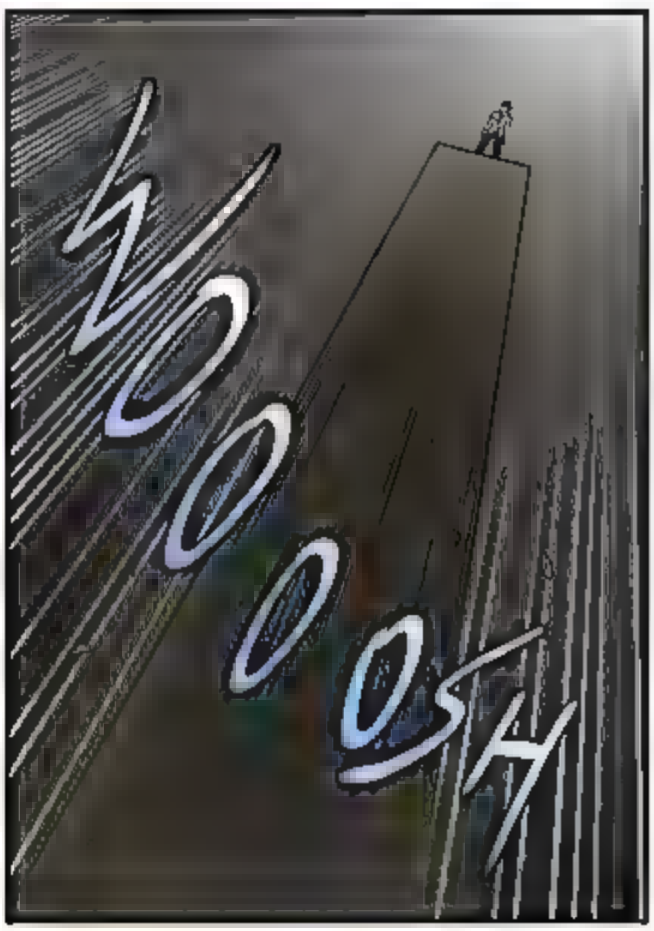
TURN
HISSS


TSK
EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE ONLY LEVEL 12, THERE ARE TOO MANY TO HANDLE.
GNOME. WATCHTOWER.

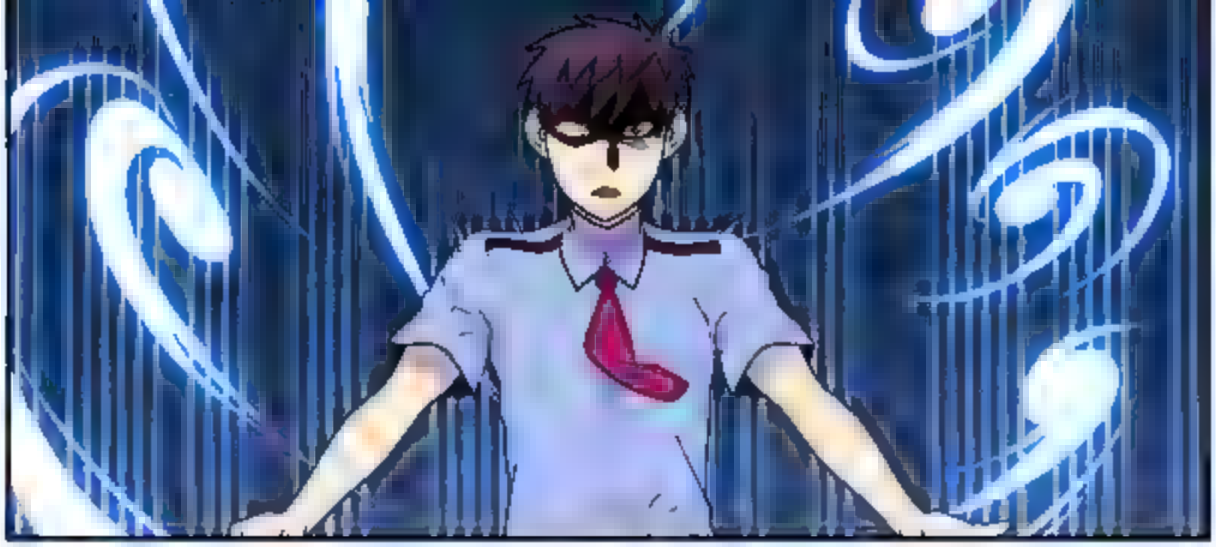
OK!

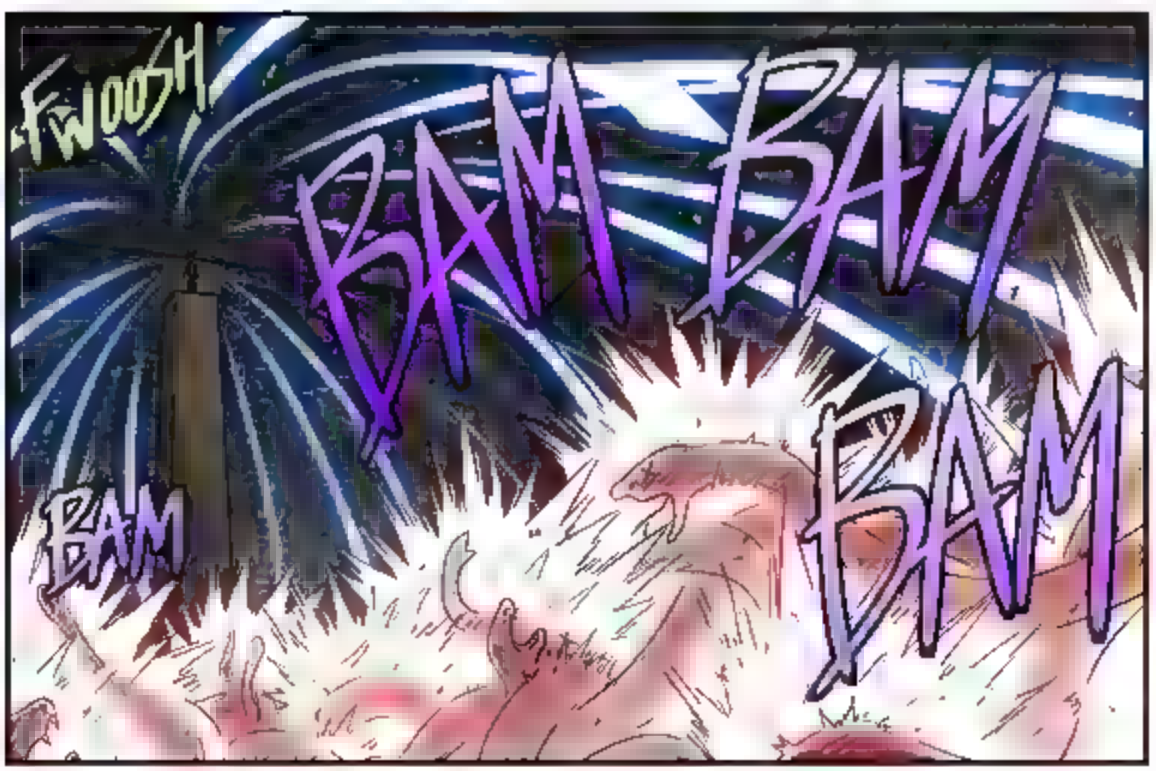

FWOOSH

POP UP

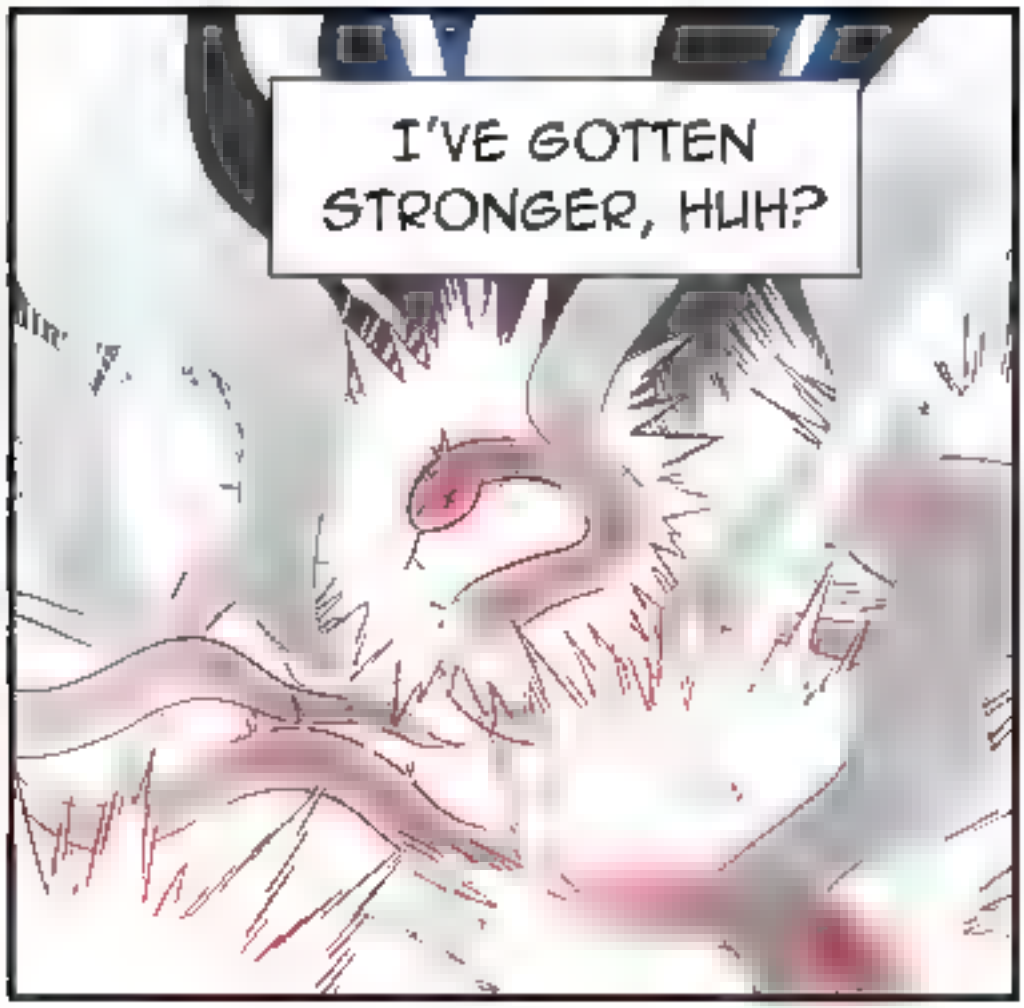

ZOOOSH

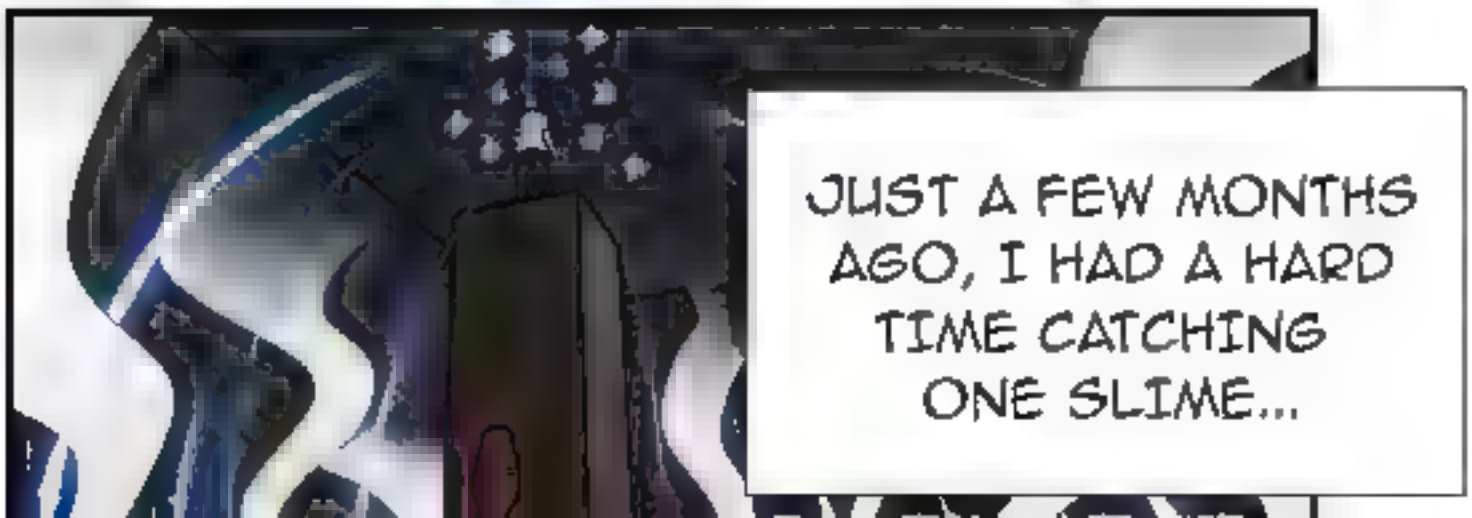
UNLIMITED SPINNING MANA ARROW.

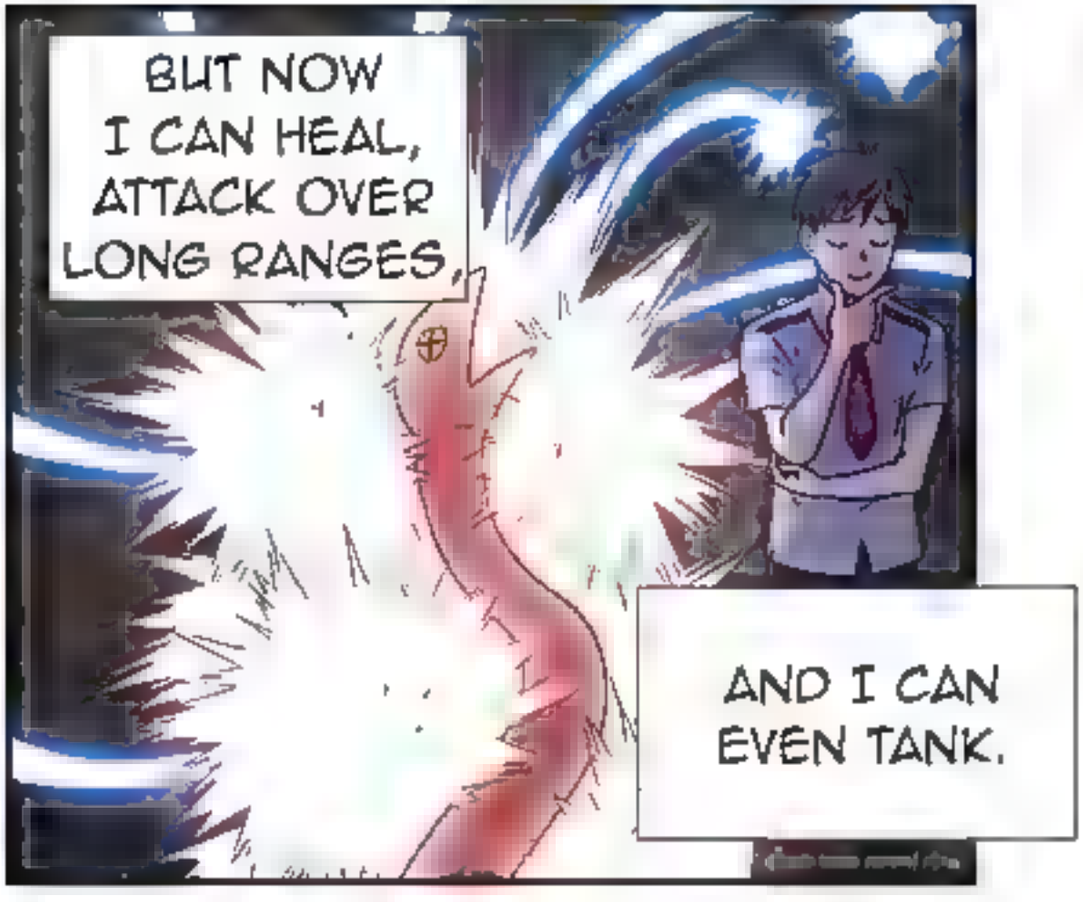


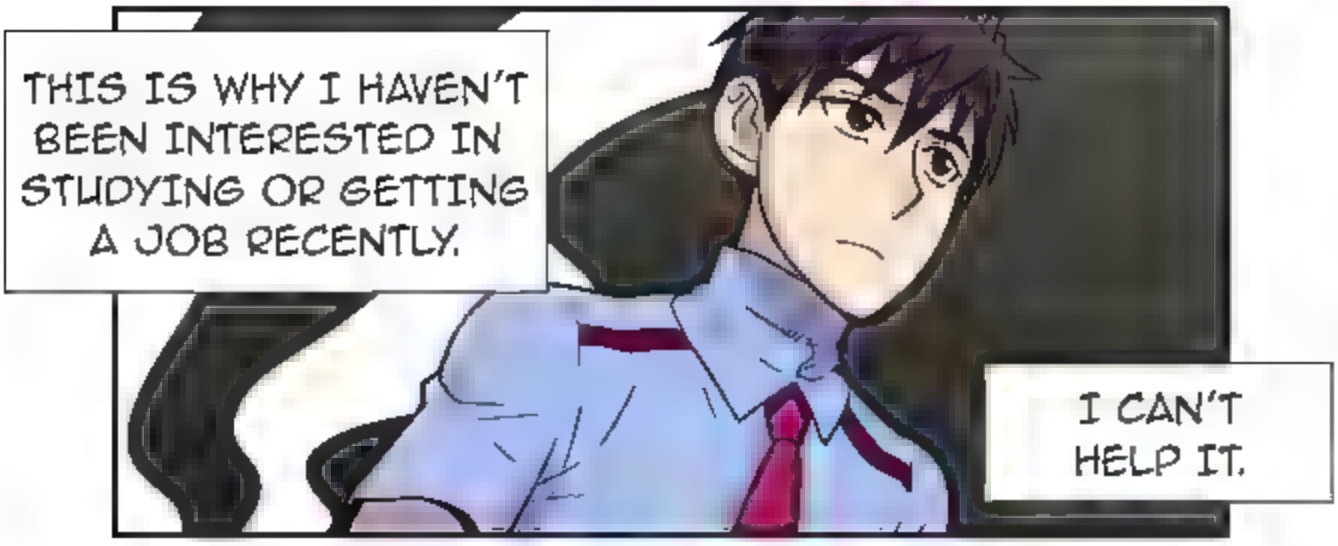

FWOOSH
BAM BAM
BAM
BAM

WOW,


I'VE GOTTEN STRONGER, HUH?


JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO, I HAD A HARD TIME CATCHING ONE SLIME...


BUT NOW I CAN HEAL, ATTACK OVER LONG RANGES,
AND I CAN EVEN TANK.


THIS IS WHY I HAVEN'T BEEN INTERESTED IN STUDYING OR GETTING A JOB RECENTLY.
I CAN'T HELP IT.

?
HUH?

SSSR

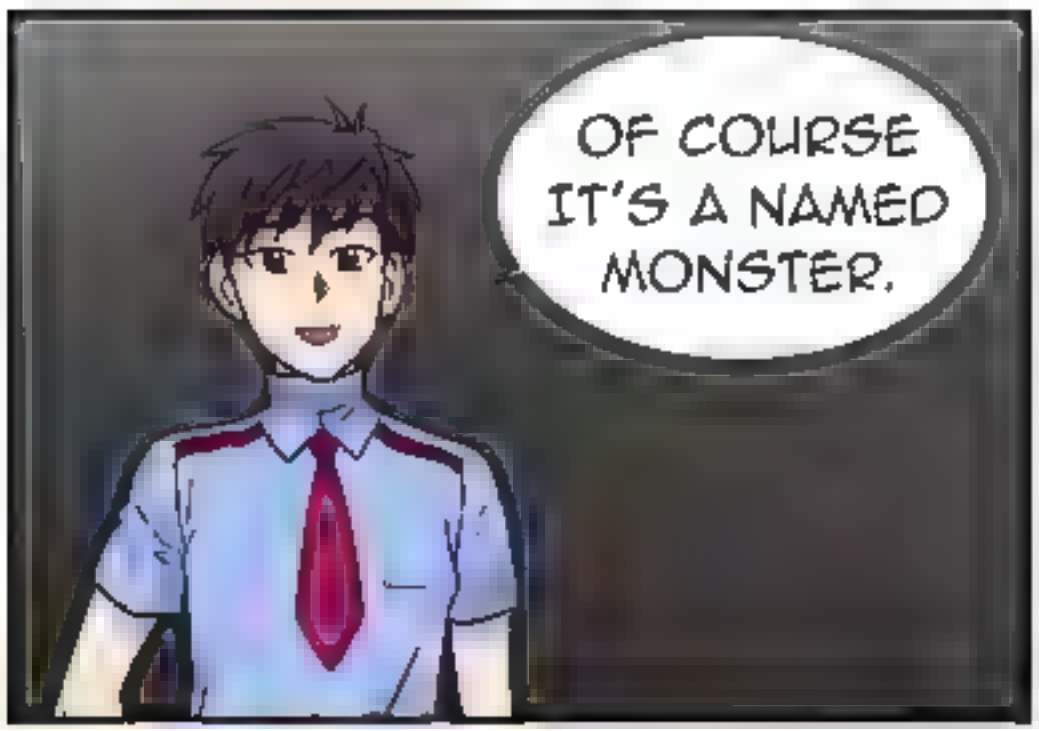
WHAT?

WHAT'S THAT HUGE SNAKE?

OBSERVATION.

SSSH

SPECIES: RED SCALED SNAKE
NAME: EVER-YOUNG SNAKE
TENDENCY: NATURE
LEVEL: 18 NEXT LV: 52.93%
AGE: 56
POWER: 68 DEXTERITY 56 STRENGTH: 66
INTELLIGENCE 17 WISDOM 19 LUCK 22
CHARM: 34
SPECIALTY:
EXTREMELY FIRM SCALES(ACTIVE),
POISON(ACTIVE), FLASH(ACTIVE)
POINT: 0



NAMED MONSTERS ARE NOT AS STRONG AS BOSS MONSTERS,
BUT BECAUSE THEY HAVE A NAME, THEY'RE ESPECIALLY STRONG.
RUMBLE
OF COURSE, THEY GIVE YOU BETTER ITEMS, AND MORE EXP. POINTS.

JUMP

THIS MUST BE ITS SPECIALTY, RUSH!
MANA SHIELD!

CLANK

DROOL
HAR HAR. LOOK AT THE SALIVA.
THAT MUST BE POISONOUS.

SSRR

SWIRRR

SPIRAL
MANA BOMB!

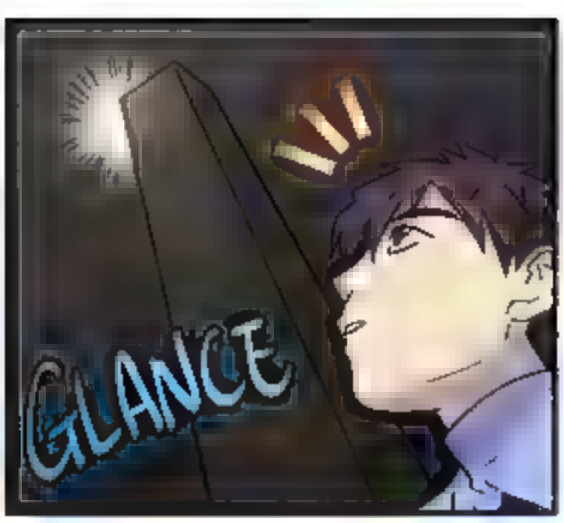
CRASH

DROP

PSSH

TWINKLE
TWINKLE
DID I GET RID OF ALL OF THEM?

YEAH!
TAP

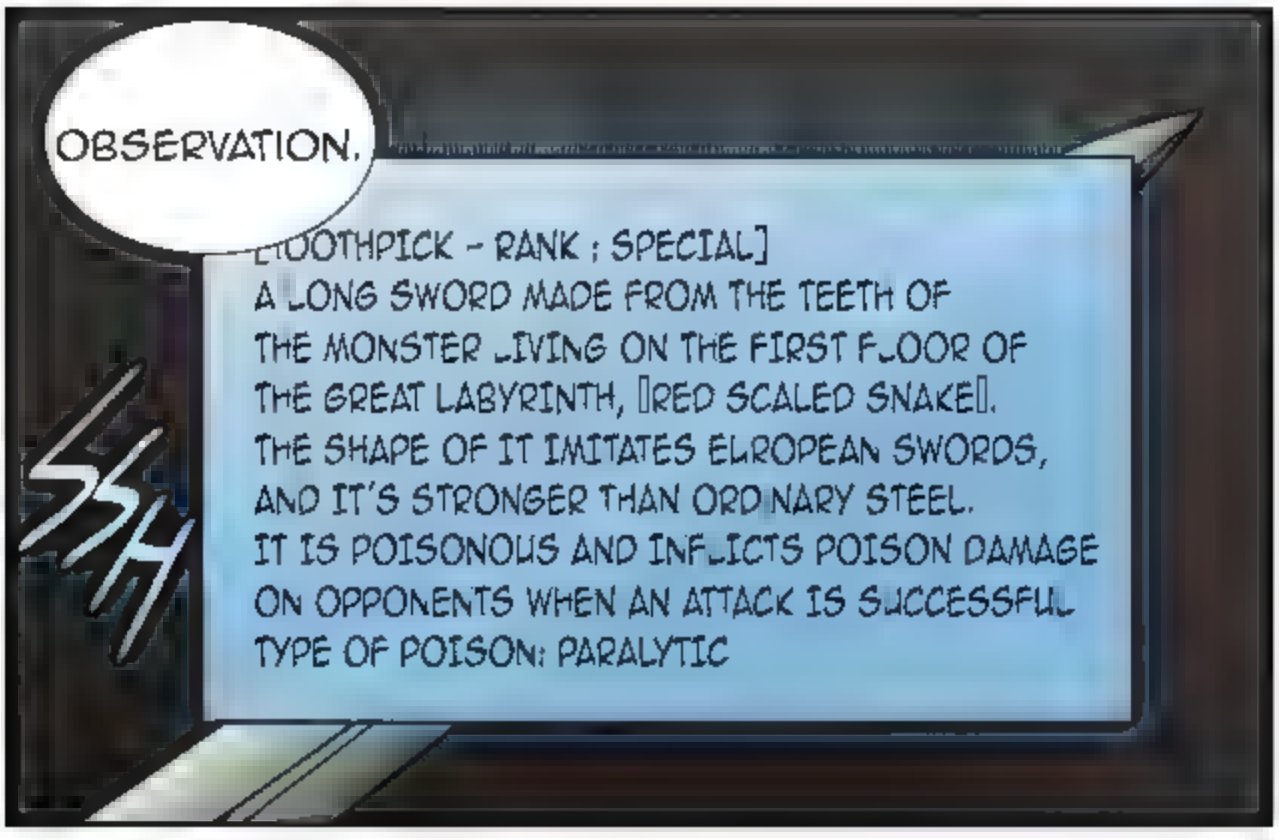

GLANCE

GNOME.

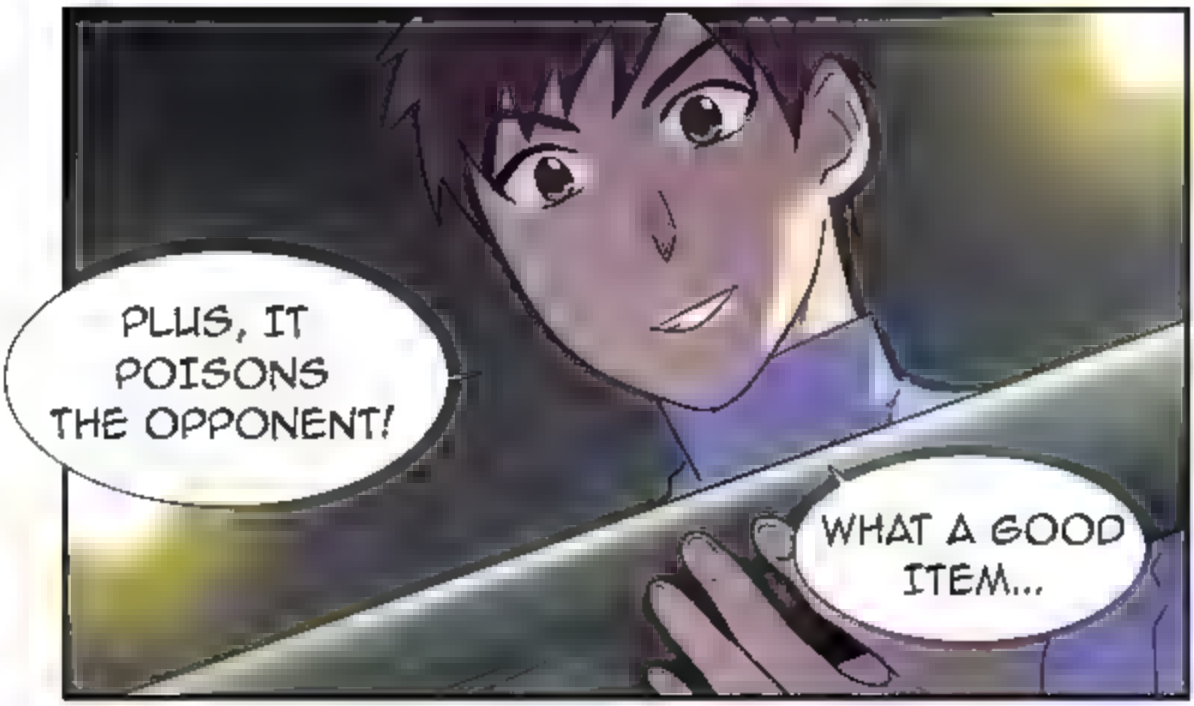
PLEASE COLLECT ALL OF THEM.
TWINKLE
TWINKLE
OK!

SSS
TWINKLE

TA
DA

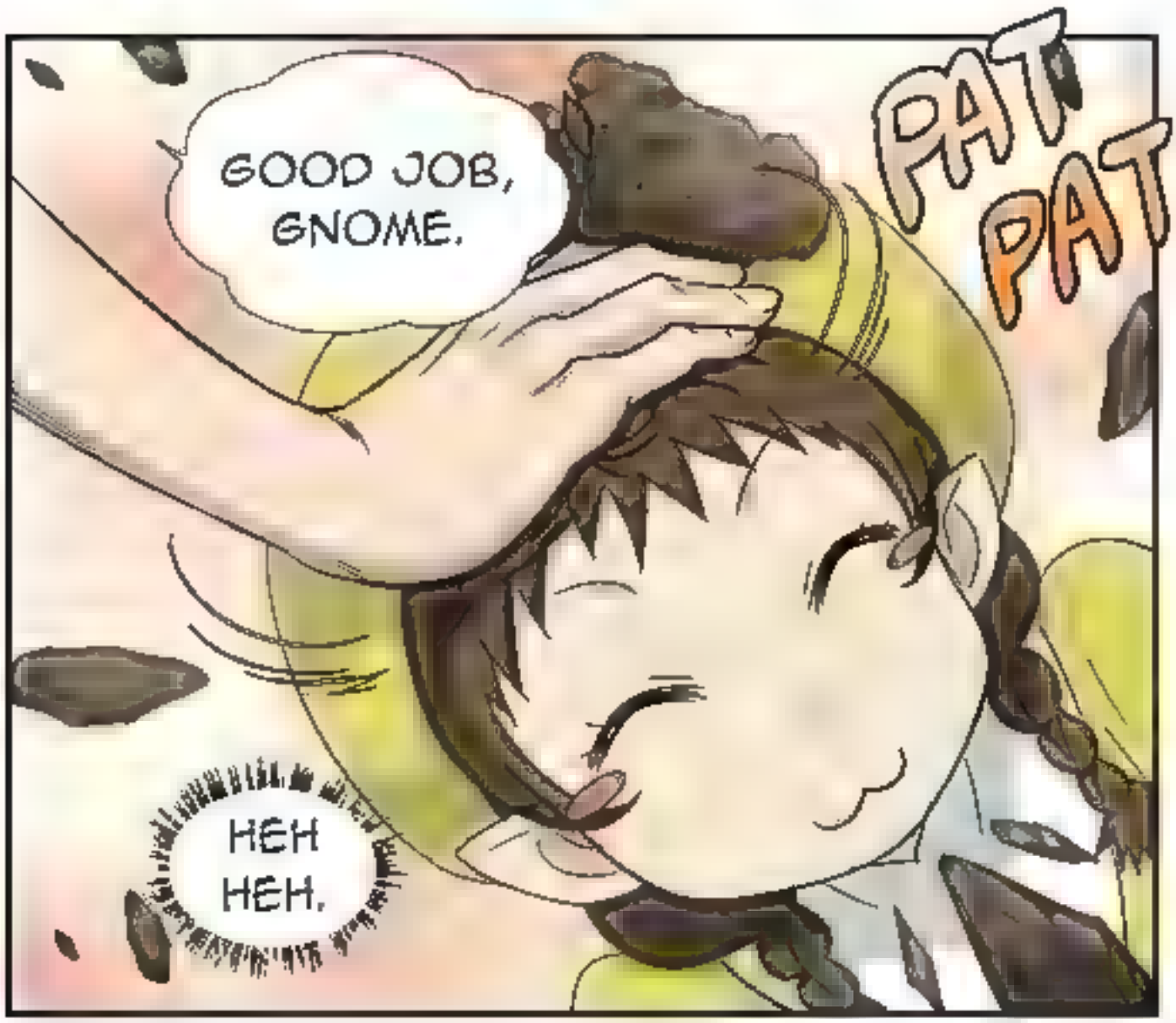

OBSERVATION.
[TOOTHPICK - RANK : SPECIAL]
A LONG SWORD MADE FROM THE TEETH OF THE MONSTER LIVING ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE GREAT LABYRINTH, [RED SCALED SNAKE].
THE SHAPE OF IT IMITATES EUROPEAN SWORDS, AND IT'S STRONGER THAN ORDINARY STEEL.
IT IS POISONOUS AND INFLICTS POISON DAMAGE ON OPPONENTS WHEN AN ATTACK IS SUCCESSFUL
TYPE OF POISON: PARALYTIC

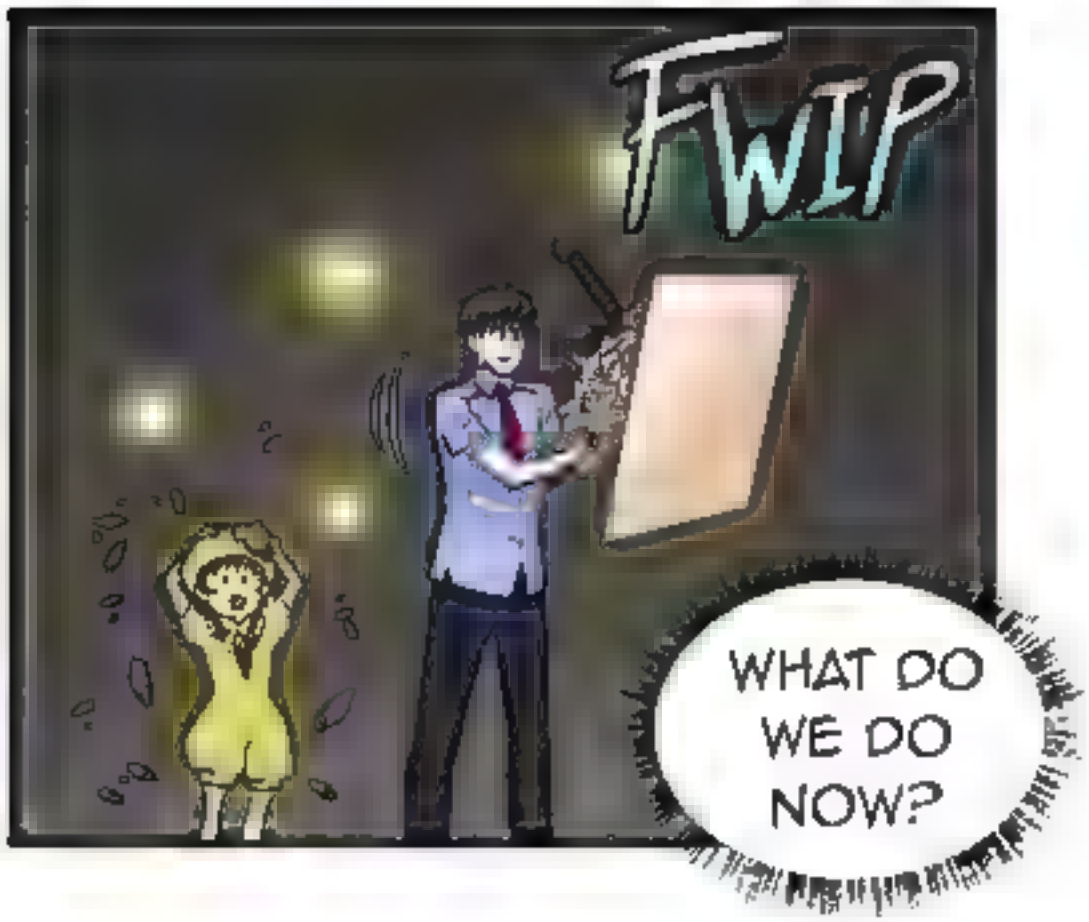
WOW, THIS IS GOOD.
IT'S AS USEFUL AS THE OGRE'S INVISIBLE HAT THAT I'VE SEEN BEFORE.


PLUS, IT POISONS THE OPPONENT!
WHAT A GOOD ITEM...

JIHAN, I'VE COLLECTED THEM ALL.

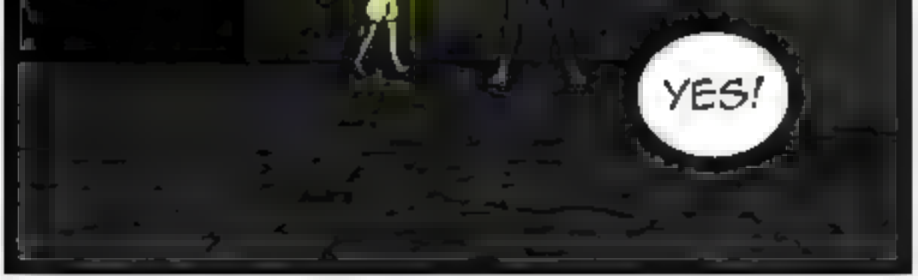
AH!


GOOD JOB, GNOME.
PAT PAT
HEH HEH.


FWIP
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

WE SHOULD GO SOMEWHERE ELSE.
SSH

SHALL WE?


YES!

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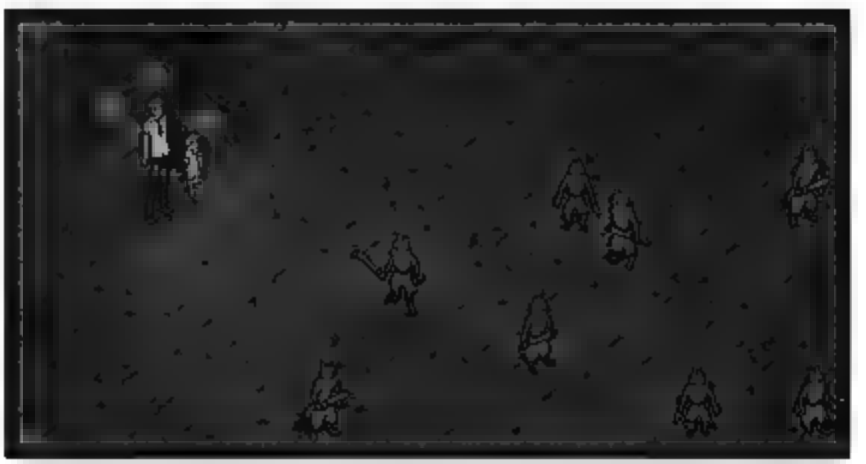
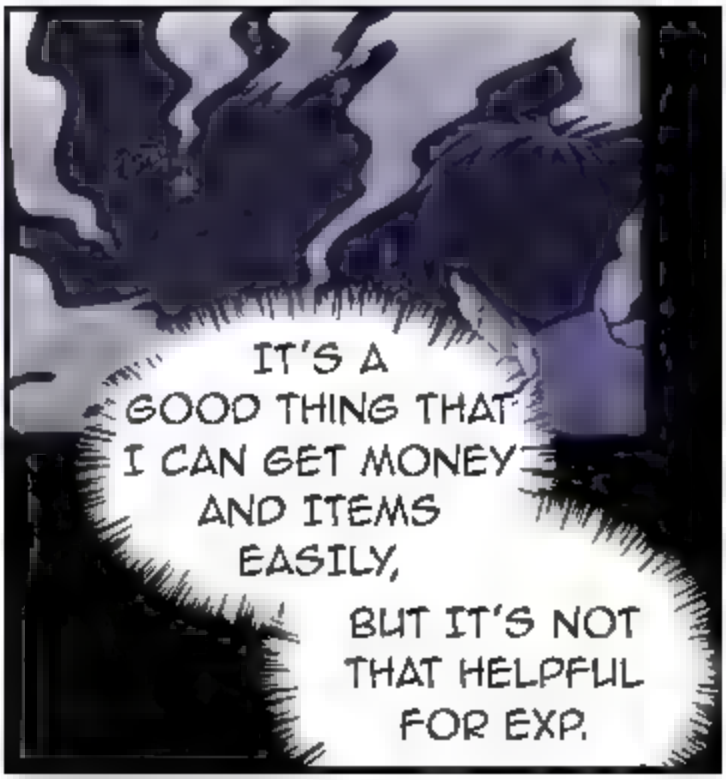
THE GAMER

STORY BY SANGYOUNG SEONG
ILLUST BY SANG-A

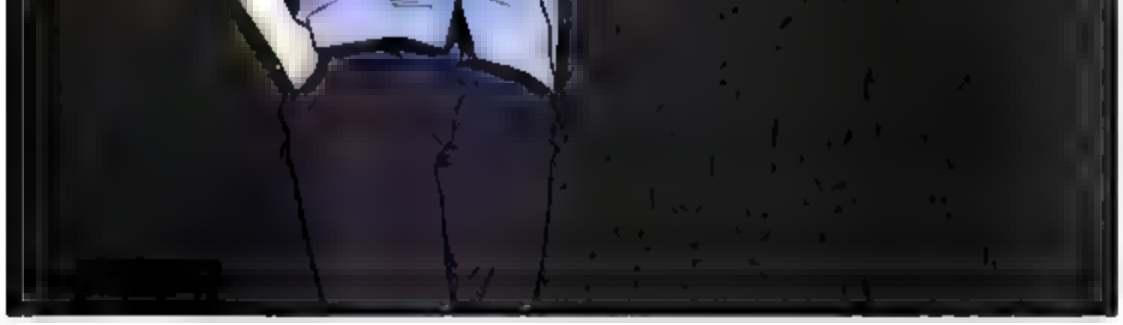


THE LEVEL OF THIS DUNGEON IS TOO LOW...

TAP


IT'S A GOOD THING THAT I CAN GET MONEY AND ITEMS EASILY,
BUT IT'S NOT THAT HELPFUL FOR EXP.

WHO ON EARTH MADE THIS DUNGEON?



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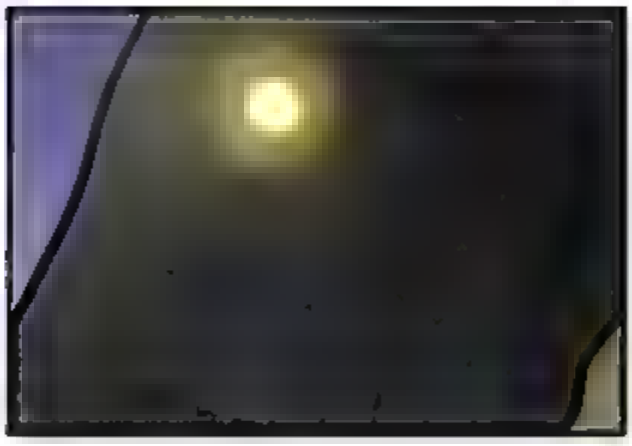

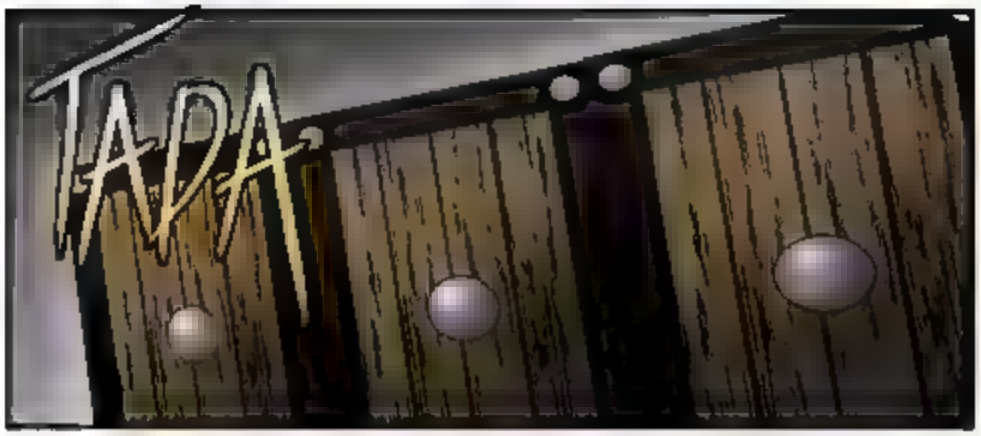
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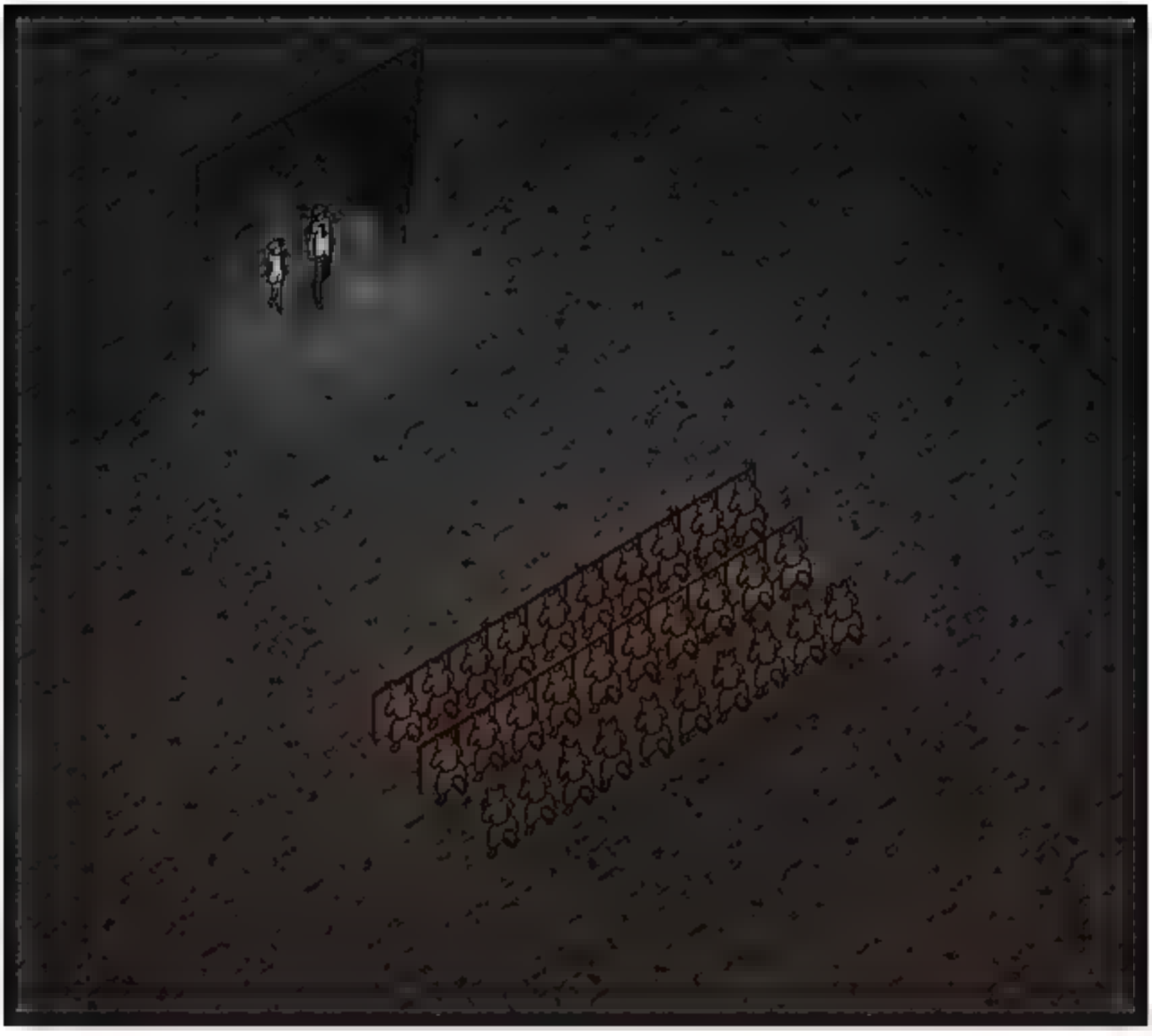
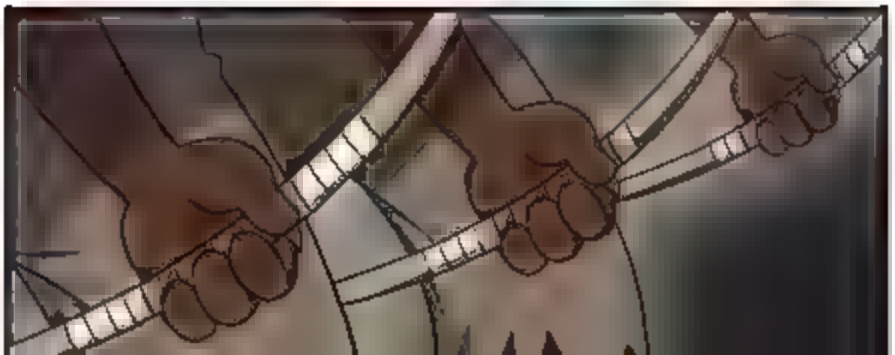
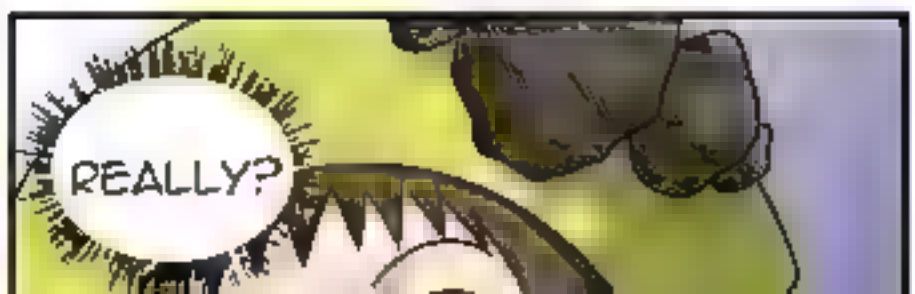




WOW,
THEY EVEN
DO THAT...?

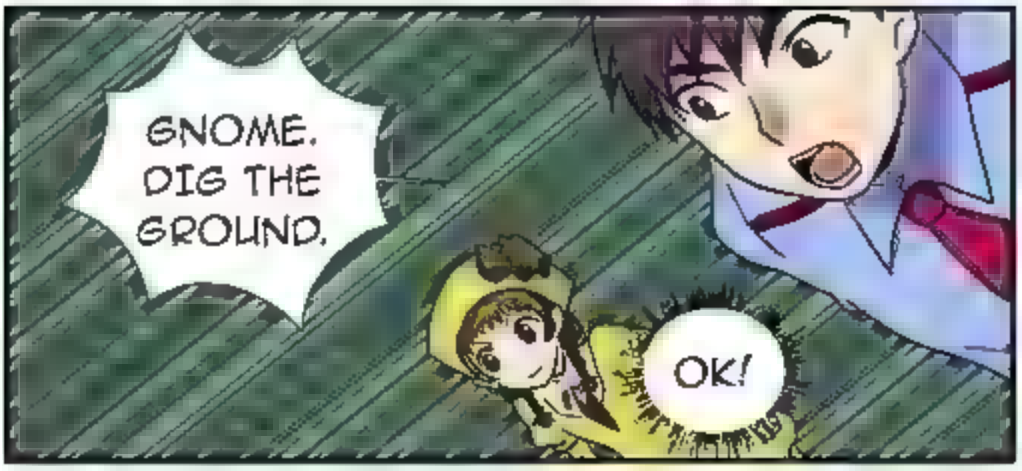
IS THAT
SOMETHING
GREAT?
IN SOME
WAYS, YES.

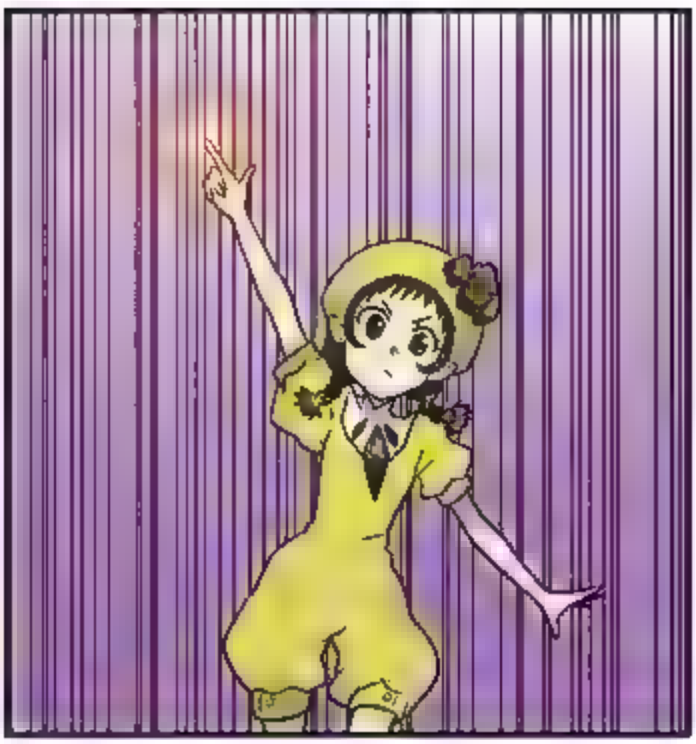

REALLY?

ARE WE IN DANGER?

NO, WE'RE NOT.

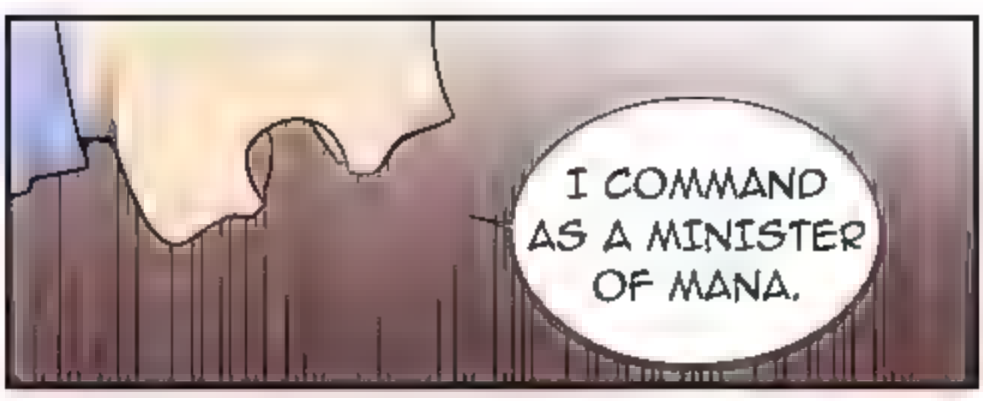
SSH
STUMP STUMP STUMP


GNOME. DIG THE GROUND.
OK!



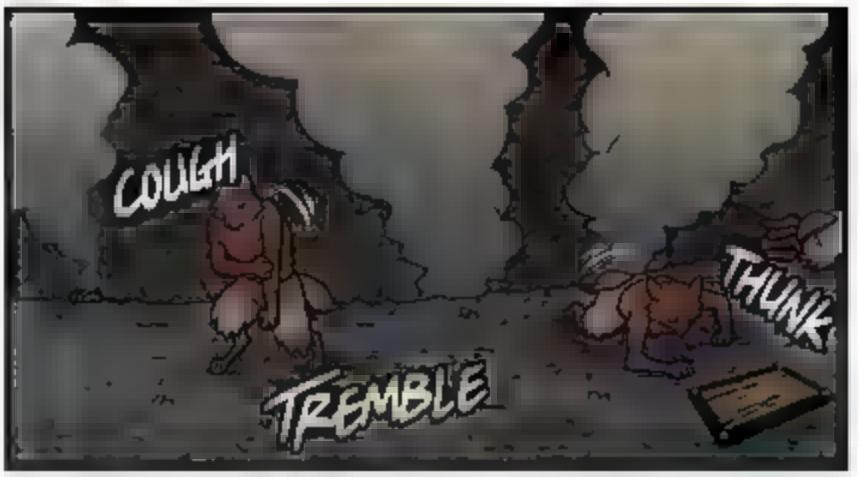
WOOOSH

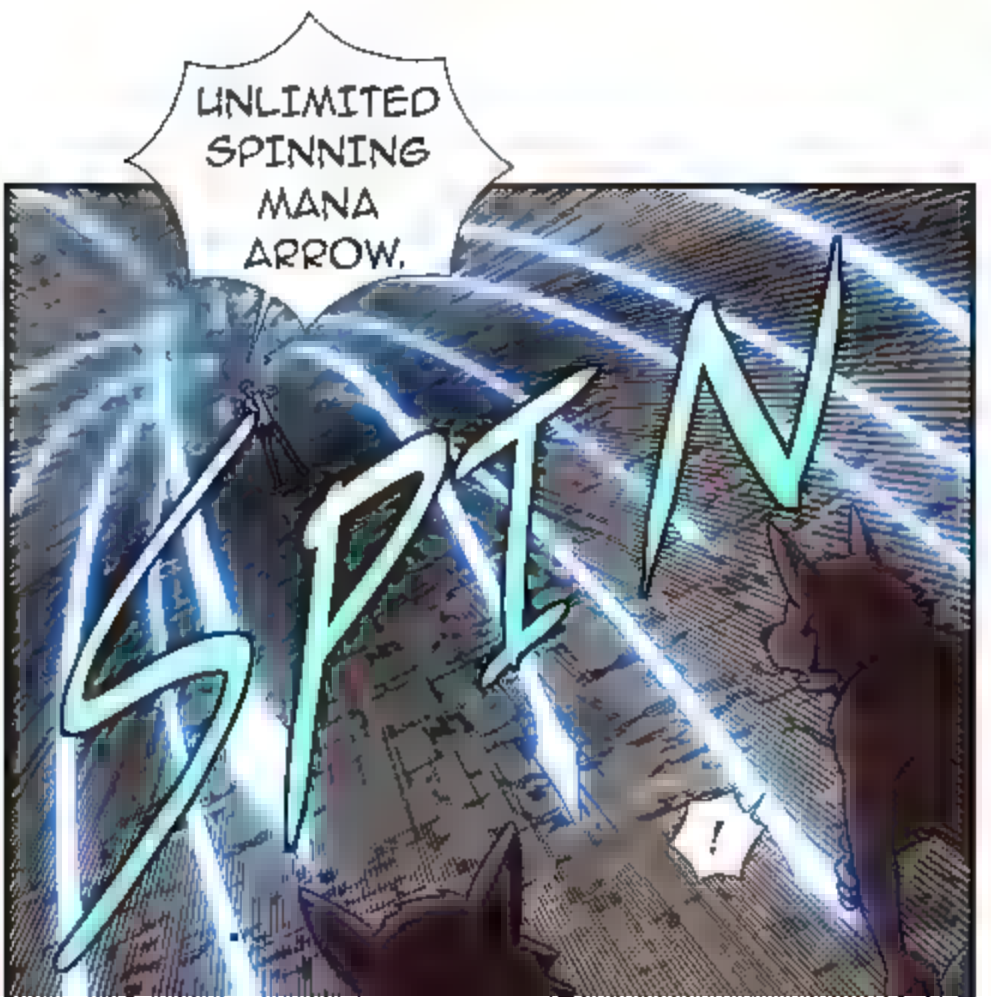
THUNK

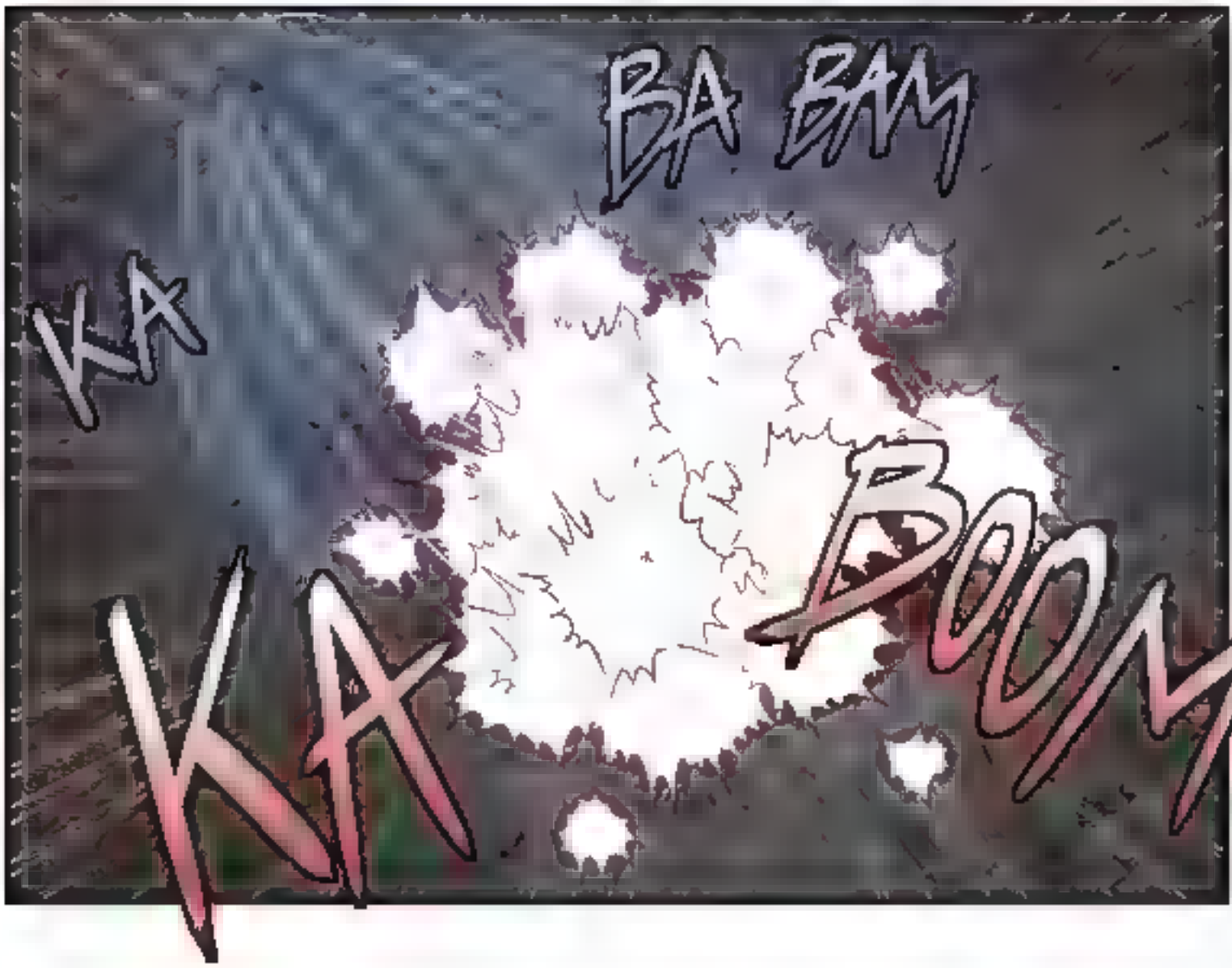

I COMMAND AS A MINISTER OF MANA.

RULES, BE DISTORTED AND ACCOMPLISH MY WILL.
FLARE

EXPLODING FLAME.
PHAT
FWOOSH
KA-BOOM
I SAID IT RIGHT WITHOUT STUTTERING.
I HAVE TO MEMORIZE THE WHOLE SPELL TO USE A SKILL. IT'S A LITTLE BIT BOTHERSOME.

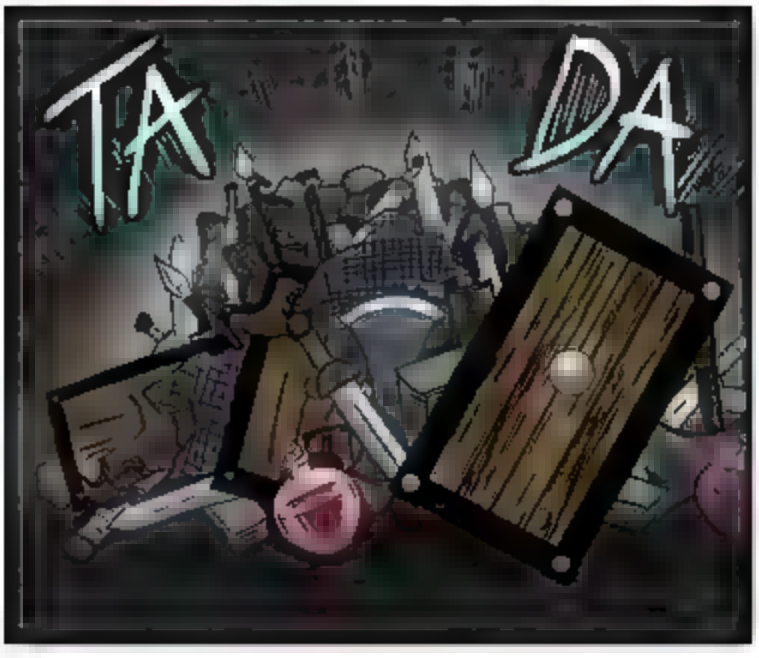

COUGH
TREMBLE
THUNK


UNLIMITED SPINNING MANA ARROW.
SPIN
!


BA BAM
KA
KA
BOOM

TWINKLE
TWINKLE
YUP, PRACTICE MAKES IT PERFECT.

GNOME. COLLECT THE ITEMS.
OK!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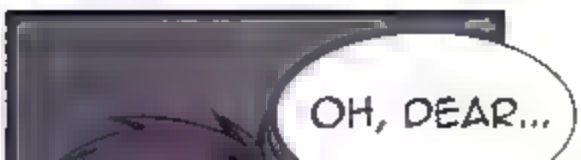
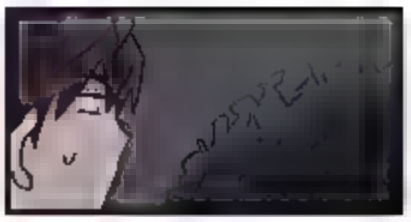
WHAT ARE ALL THESE?
NO ABILITIES, NO OPTIONS.
ALSO THEIR LEVELS ARE "LOW QUALITY".


OH, DEAR...

SSH
BUT I CAN'T JUST THROW THEM AWAY.



SIGH

HOPEFULLY I'LL GET SOME MONEY FOR THE METAL AT LEAST.
PUSH

THERE'S AN ENTRANCE. SHALL WE?

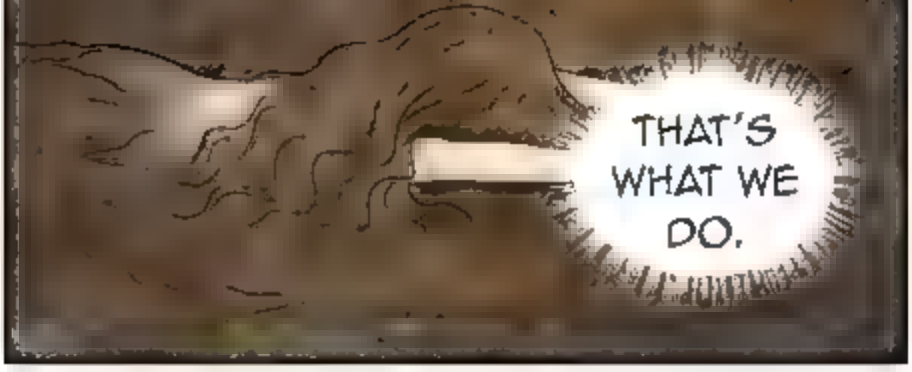
YES!

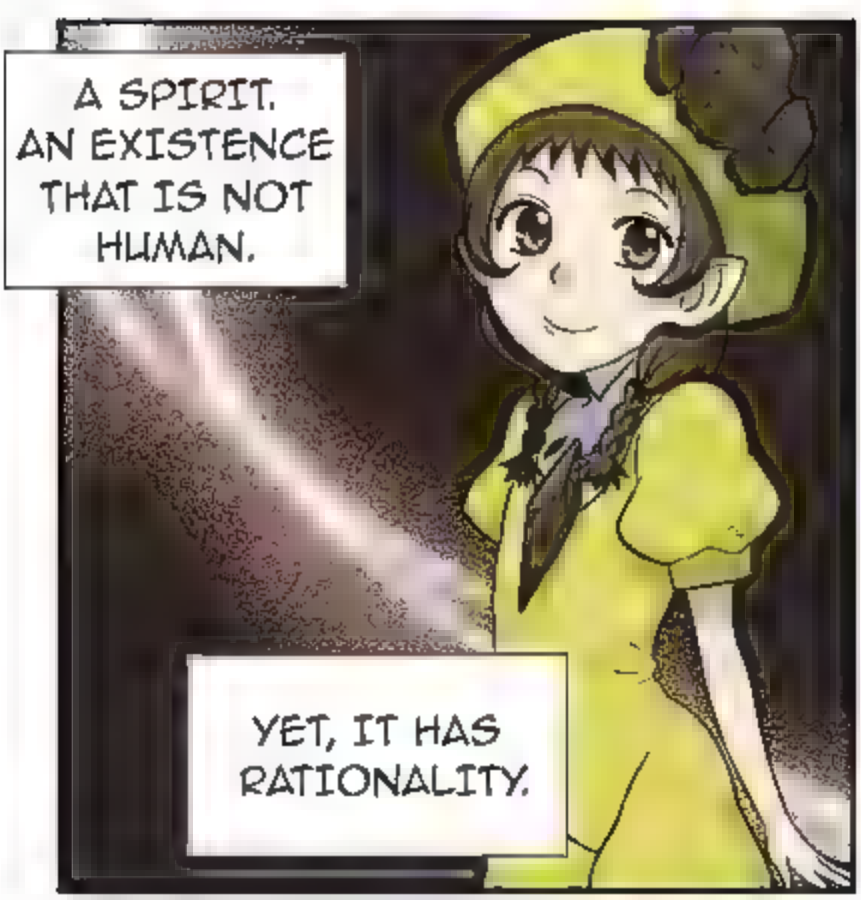
GNOME. ARE YOU HAVING FUN?
YES, I AM!

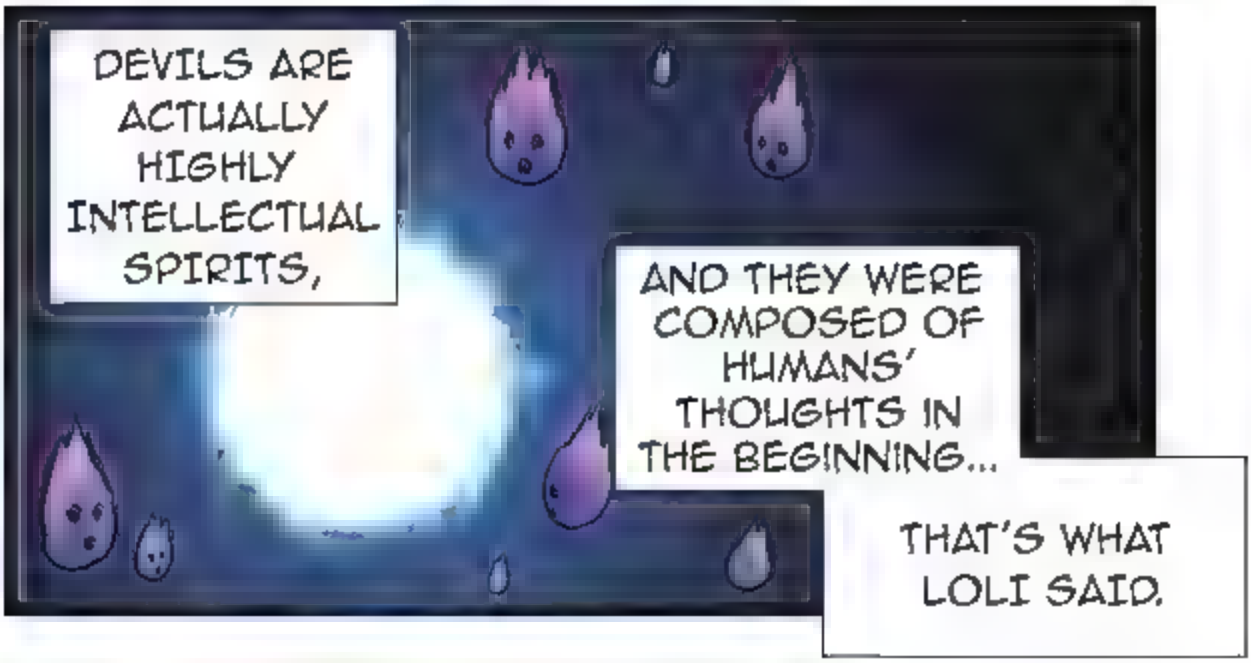
THAT'S GOOD. BY THE WAY, WHAT DO YOU USUALLY DO?
SLEEP.

SLEEP?

YEAH. I SLEEP LIKE A BABY.


THAT'S WHAT WE DO.


A SPIRIT. AN EXISTENCE THAT IS NOT HUMAN.
YET, IT HAS RATIONALITY.

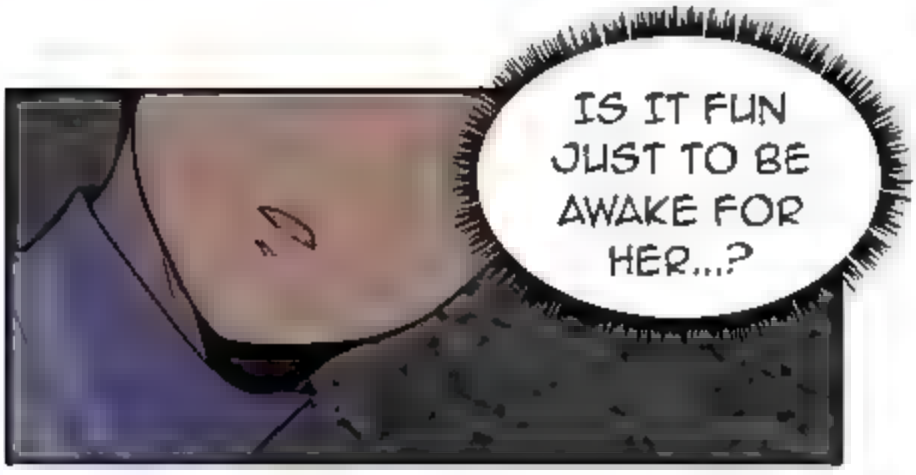

DEVILS ARE ACTUALLY HIGHLY INTELLECTUAL SPIRITS,
AND THEY WERE COMPOSED OF HUMANS' THOUGHTS IN THE BEGINNING...
THAT'S WHAT LOLI SAID.

SO I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW GNOME TALKS LIKE A HUMAN.
BUT...
WHAT MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR HER TO THINK?

HOW DO YOU FEEL WHEN YOU WALK AROUND?
IT'S FUN.

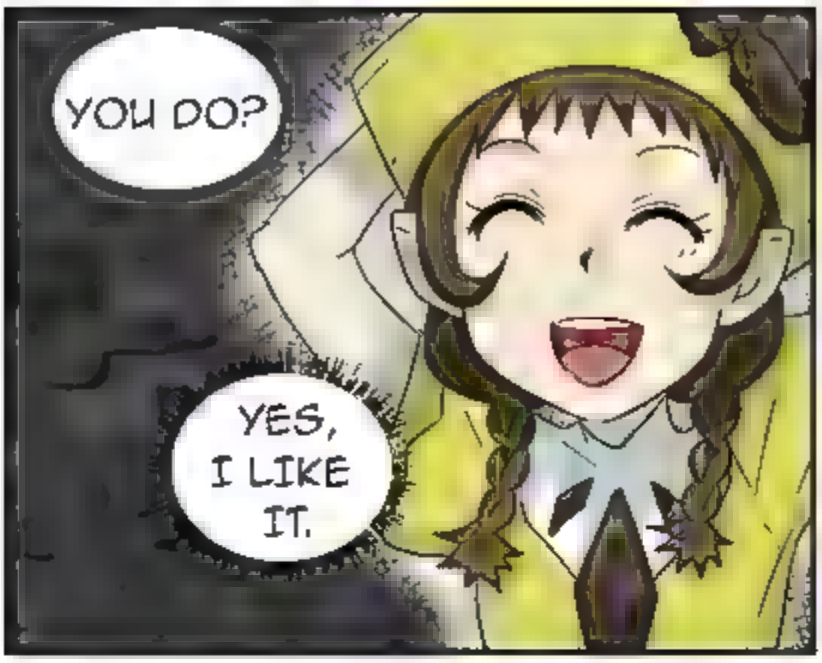
JUST FUN?

YES! BEING AWAKE IS FUN.

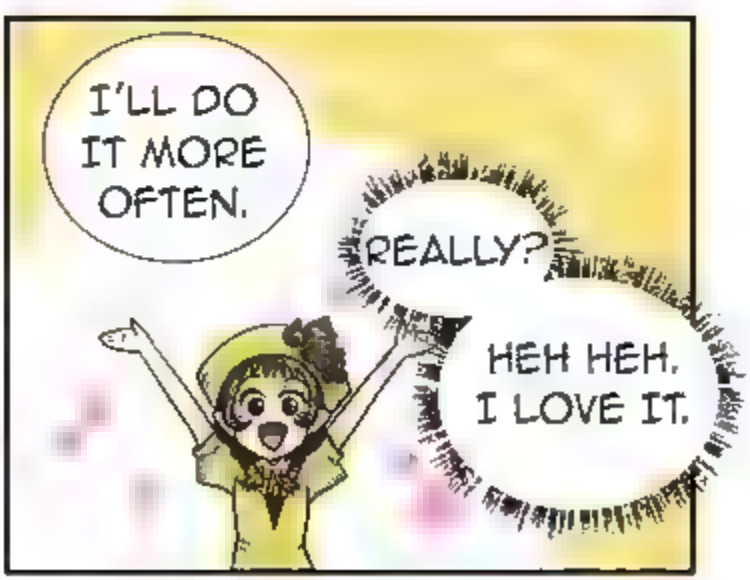

IS IT FUN JUST TO BE AWAKE FOR HER...?

I SEE.
PAT PAT

I LIKE THIS, TOO.


YOU DO?
YES, I LIKE IT.

GRR

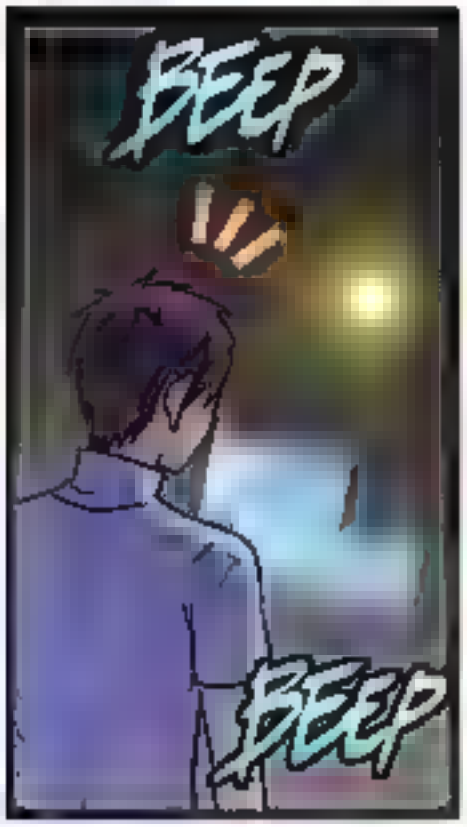

I'LL DO IT MORE OFTEN.
REALLY?
HEH HEH. I LOVE IT.

THE GAMER

THUD

WHAT IS THIS?
IS THIS A KING'S HALL OR SOMETHING?

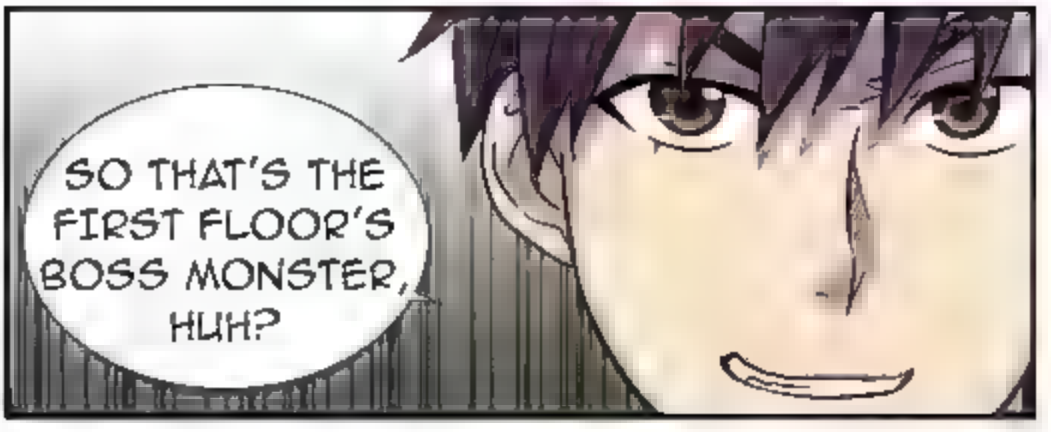
TA DA

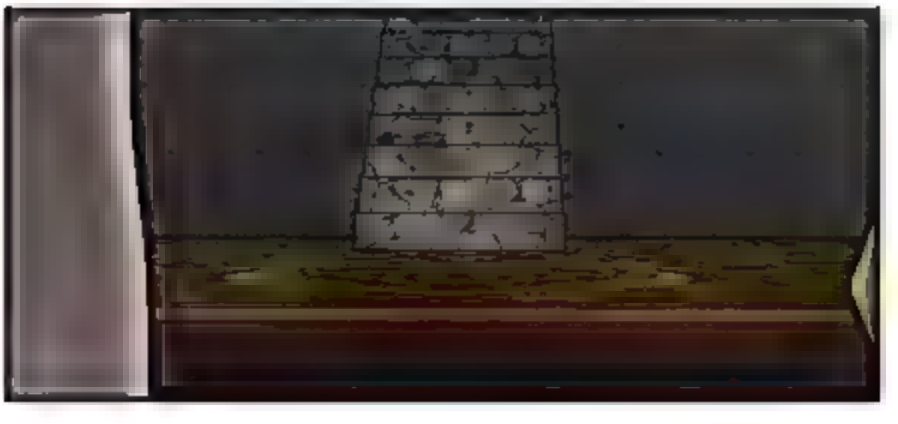


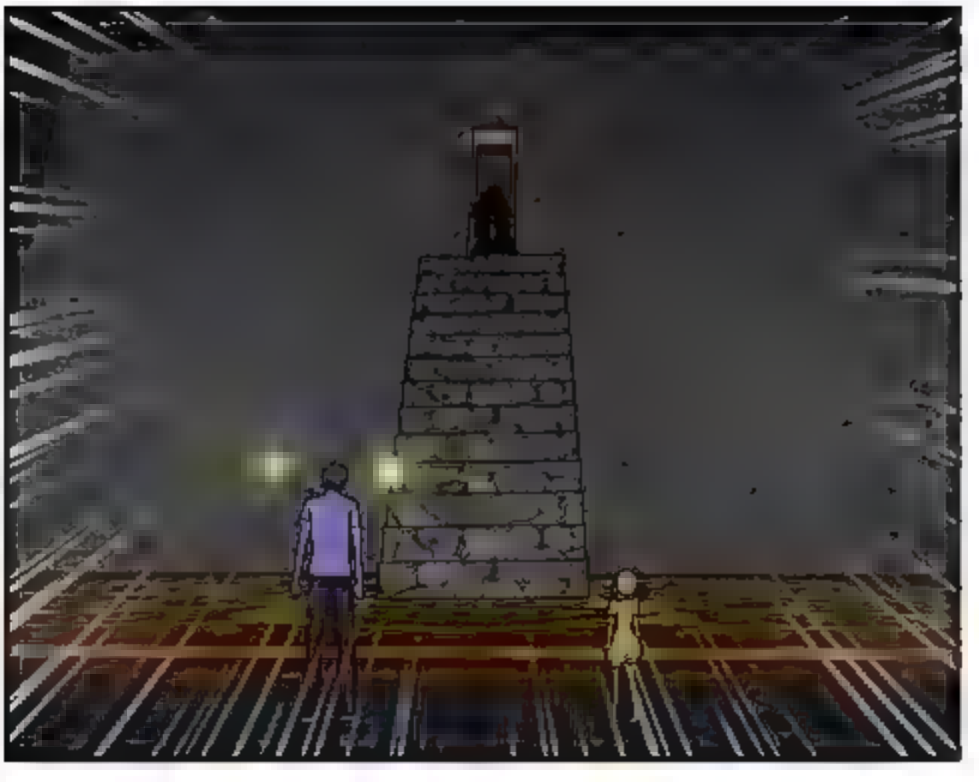
YOU'VE ENTERED THE ROOM OF THE KOBOLD KING, BOSS OF THE GREAT LABYRINTH'S FIRST FLOOR.

YOU CANNOT LEAVE UNTIL THE BOSS IS BEATEN.

... AH, JUST AS I THOUGHT.

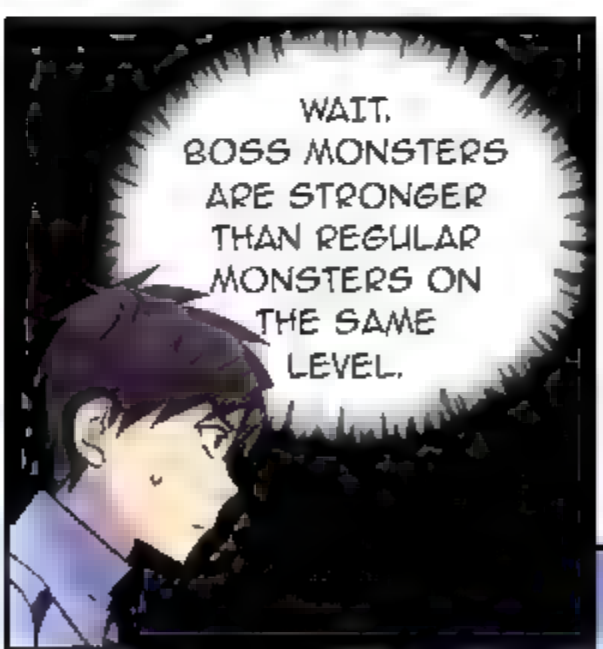

SO THAT'S THE FIRST FLOOR'S BOSS MONSTER, HUH?

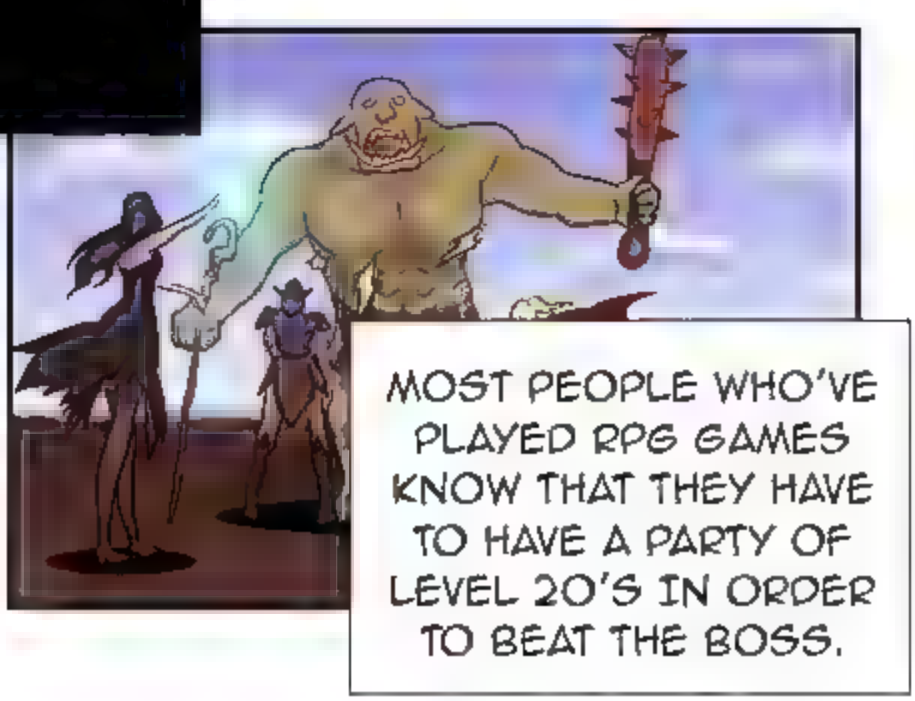


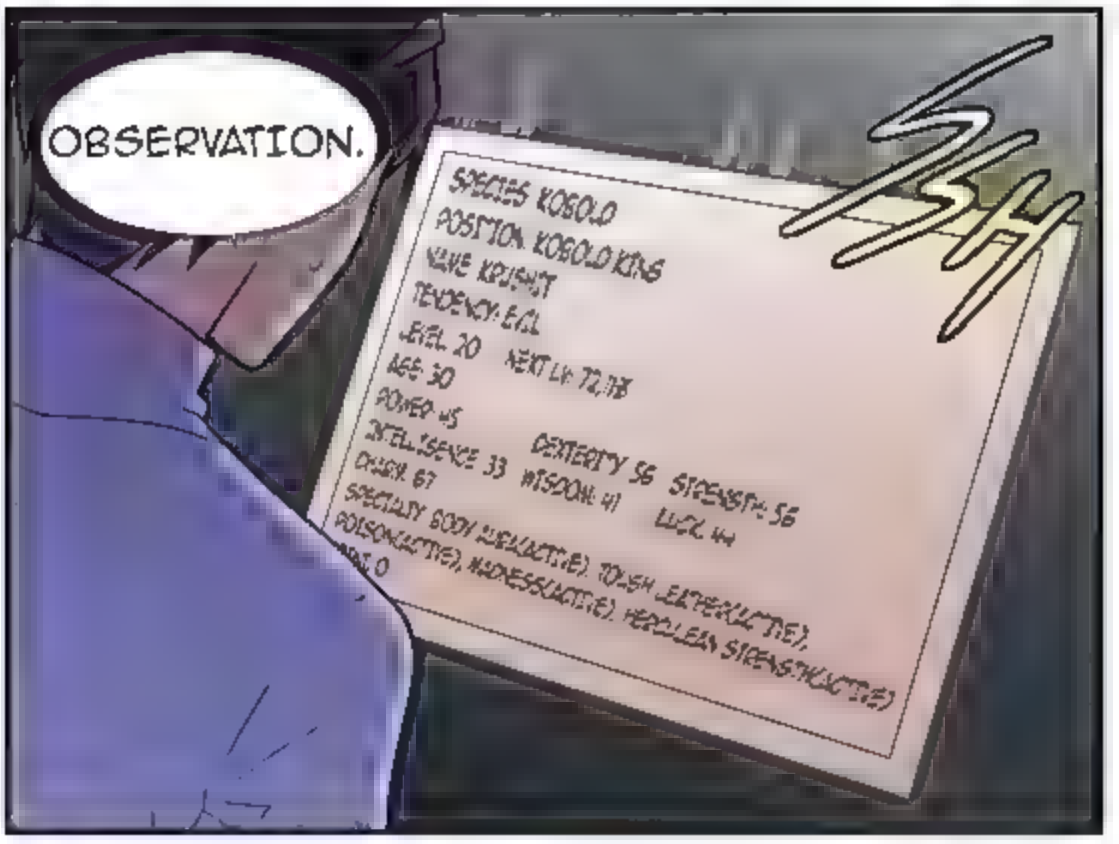


<THE MASTER OF THE GREAT LABYRINTH'S FIRST FLOOR>
LV 20 KOBOLD KING
DUN DUN

<THE MASTER OF THE GREAT LABYRINTH'S FIRST FLOOR>
LV 20 KOBOLD KING
LEVEL 20?


WAIT. BOSS MONSTERS ARE STRONGER THAN REGULAR MONSTERS ON THE SAME LEVEL.

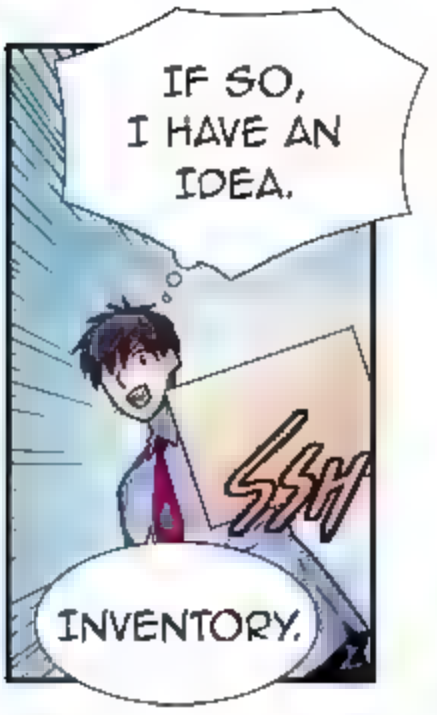

MOST PEOPLE WHO'VE PLAYED RPG GAMES KNOW THAT THEY HAVE TO HAVE A PARTY OF LEVEL 20'S IN ORDER TO BEAT THE BOSS.



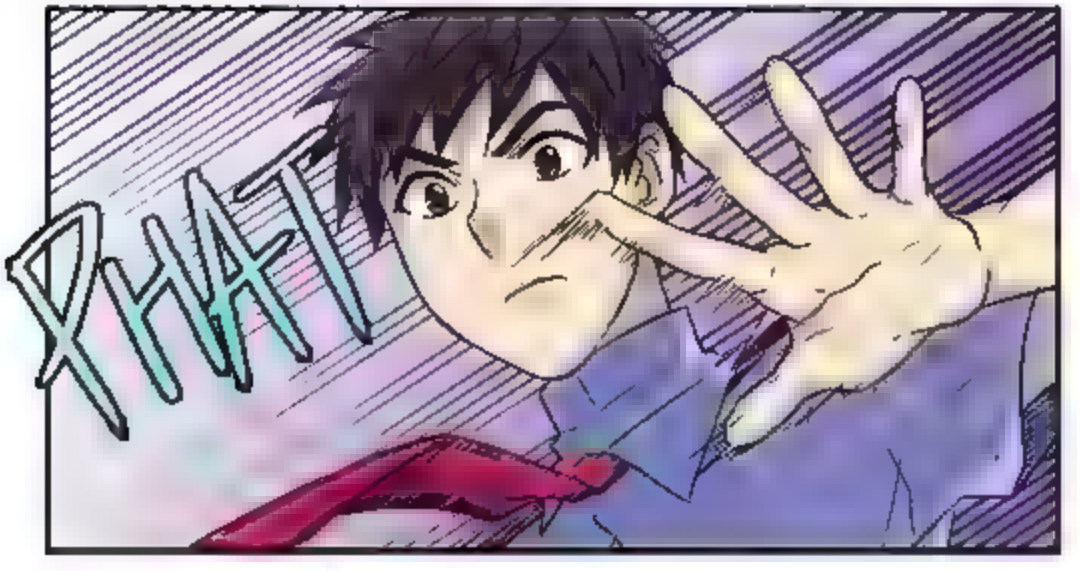
AGE: 30
POWER: 45 DEXTERITY: 56 STRENGTH: 56
INTELLIGENCE: 33 WISDOM: 41 LUCK: 44
CHARM: 67
SPECIALTY: BODY AURA(ACTI
POISON(ACTIVE), MADNES
POINT: 0

TOTAL STATUS IS CLOSE TO 300 WHEN IT'S ONLY LEVEL 20? THAT'S OP.

AND WHAT'S THIS? BODY AURA? TOUGH LEATHER?
I SEE.
SO THAT MEANS ITS BODY IS THAT FIRM, RIGHT?
ITS DEFENSE SKILL IS HIGH, TOO.
HE HAS HERCULEAN STRENGTH, SO I GUESS HE GETS STRONGER...
SSR
SSH
DOES THIS MEAN THAT I SHOULDN'T TRY TO BEAT HIM ON MY OWN?


IF SO,
I HAVE AN
IDEA.
SSH
INVENTORY.

SSSS

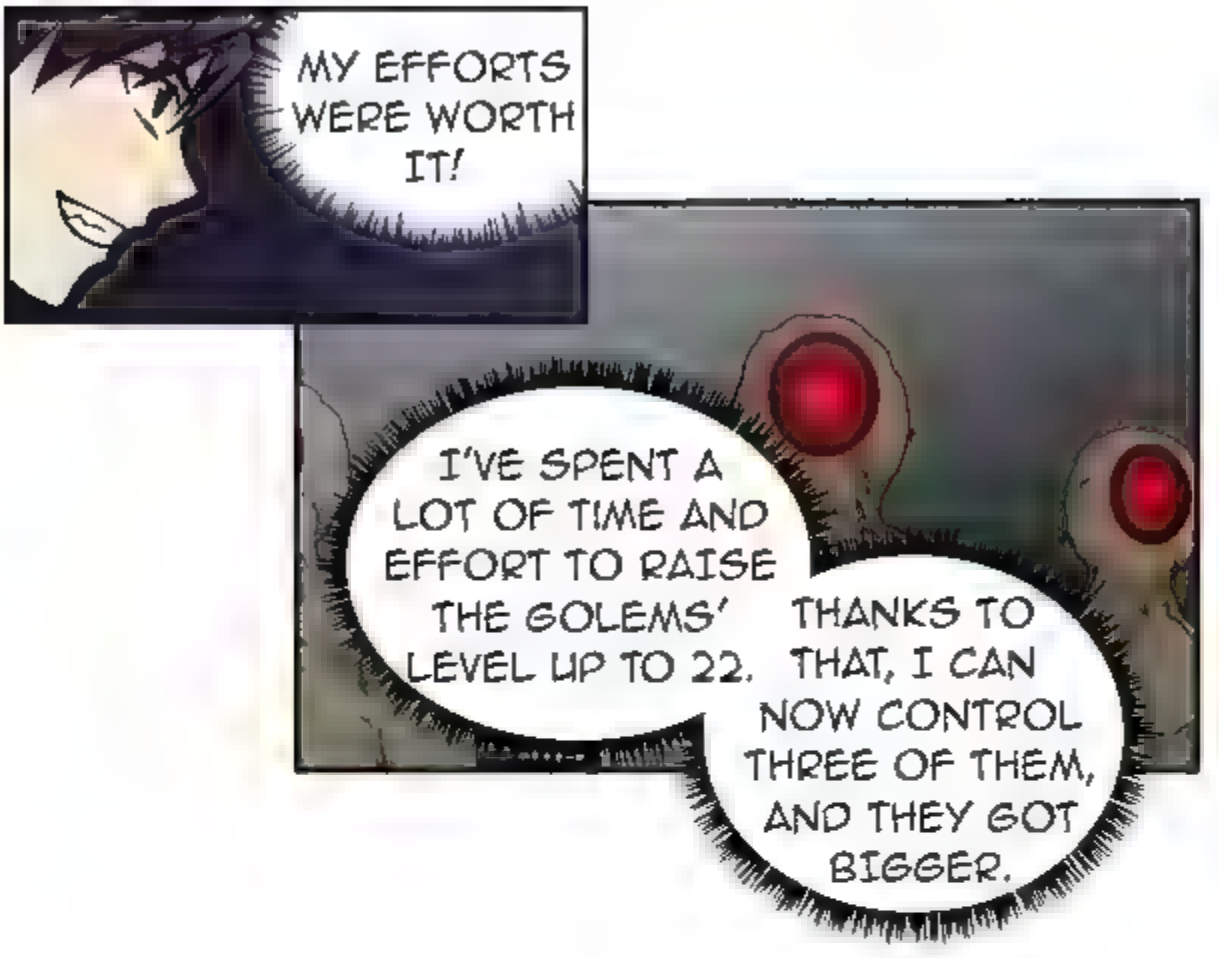

WHAT

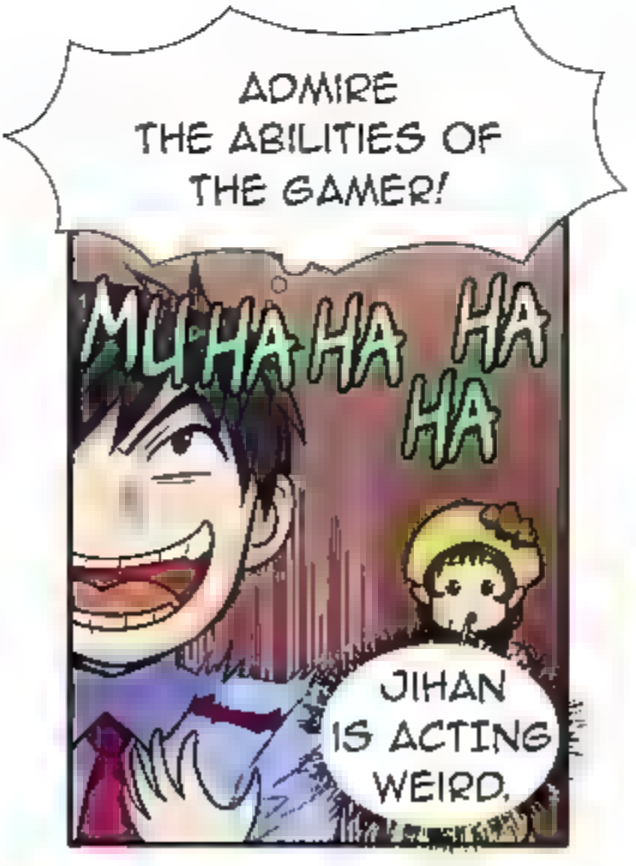
TA DA
HERE ARE THE GOLEMS
I HAD MADE BEFOREHAND!

LINE Webtoon

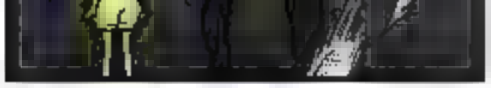
THE GAMER

STORY BY SANGYOUNG SEONG
ILLUST BY SANG-A


MY EFFORTS WERE WORTH IT!
I'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT TO RAISE THE GOLEMS' LEVEL UP TO 22.
THANKS TO THAT, I CAN NOW CONTROL THREE OF THEM, AND THEY GOT BIGGER.


ADMIRE THE ABILITIES OF THE GAMER!
MU-HA-HA HA HA
JIHAN IS ACTING WEIRD.

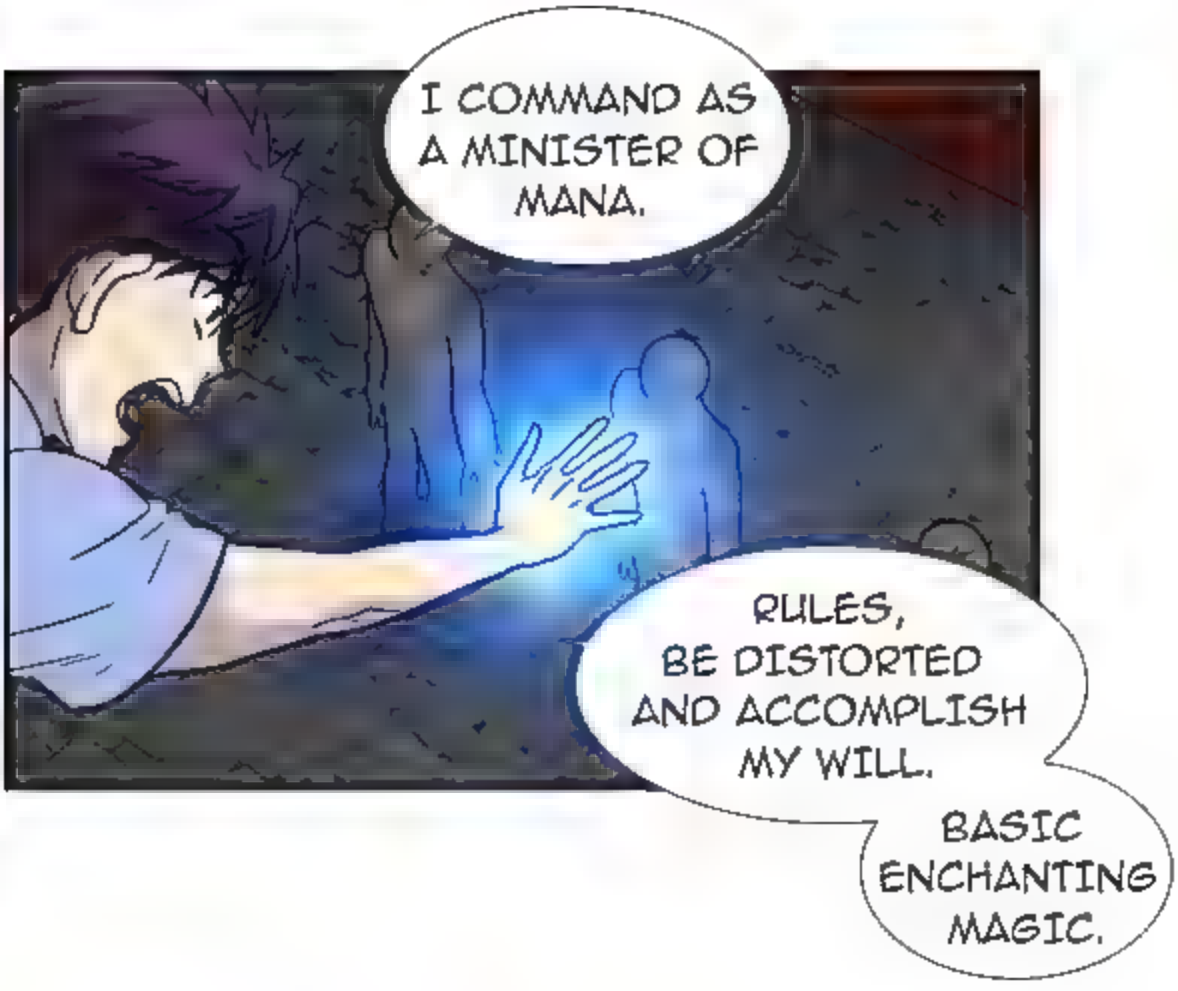
TAP



I COMMAND AS A MINISTER OF MANA.
RULES, BE DISTORTED AND ACCOMPLISH MY WILL.

FLIGHT.
FLOAT

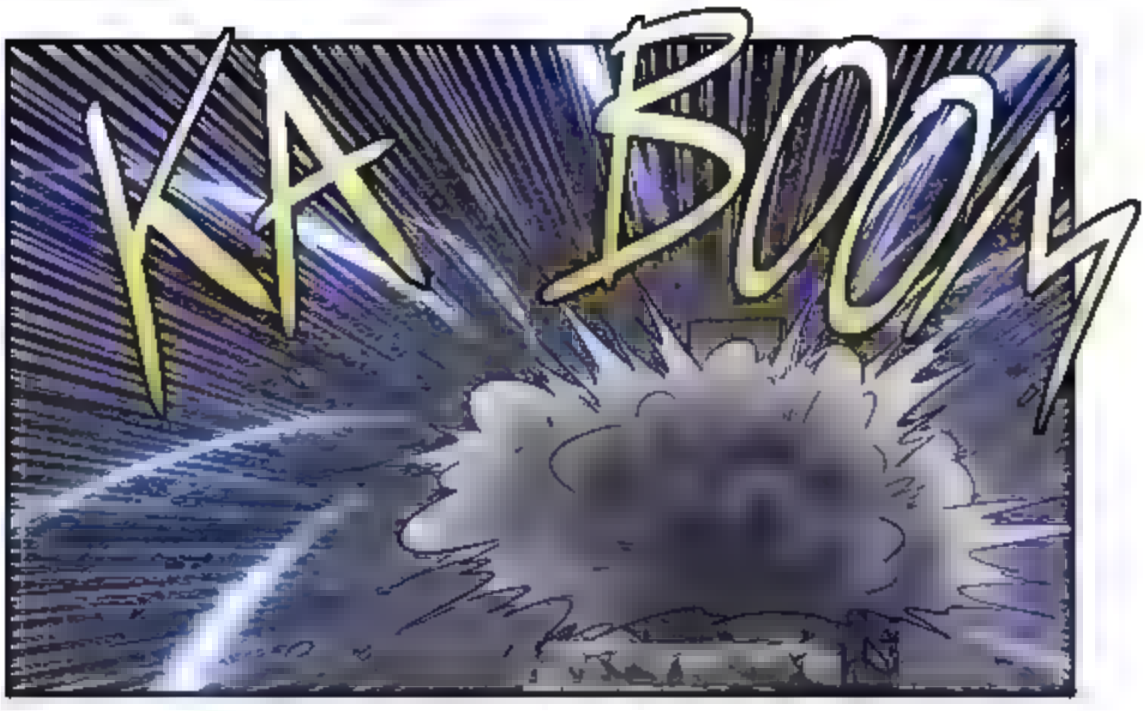
SSS


I COMMAND AS A MINISTER OF MANA.
RULES, BE DISTORTED AND ACCOMPLISH MY WILL.
BASIC ENCHANTING MAGIC.

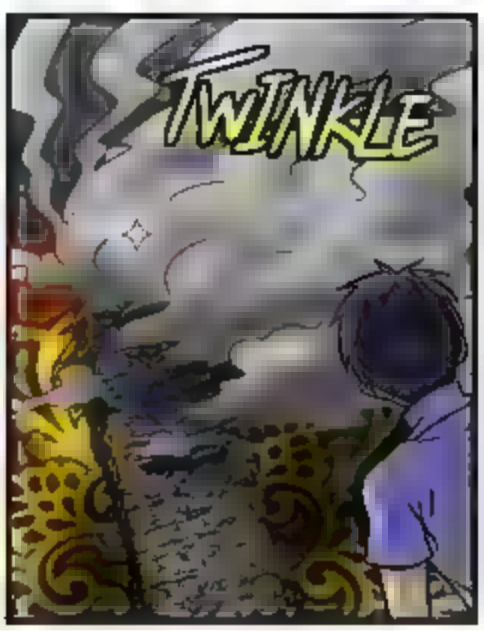
PHAT

THEY WILL INFLICT EXTRA DAMAGE EVERY TIME THEY ATTACK!

WE'RE ALL SET.
SHALL I HAVE SOME FUN?
SPIRAL MANA BOMB!
SPIN

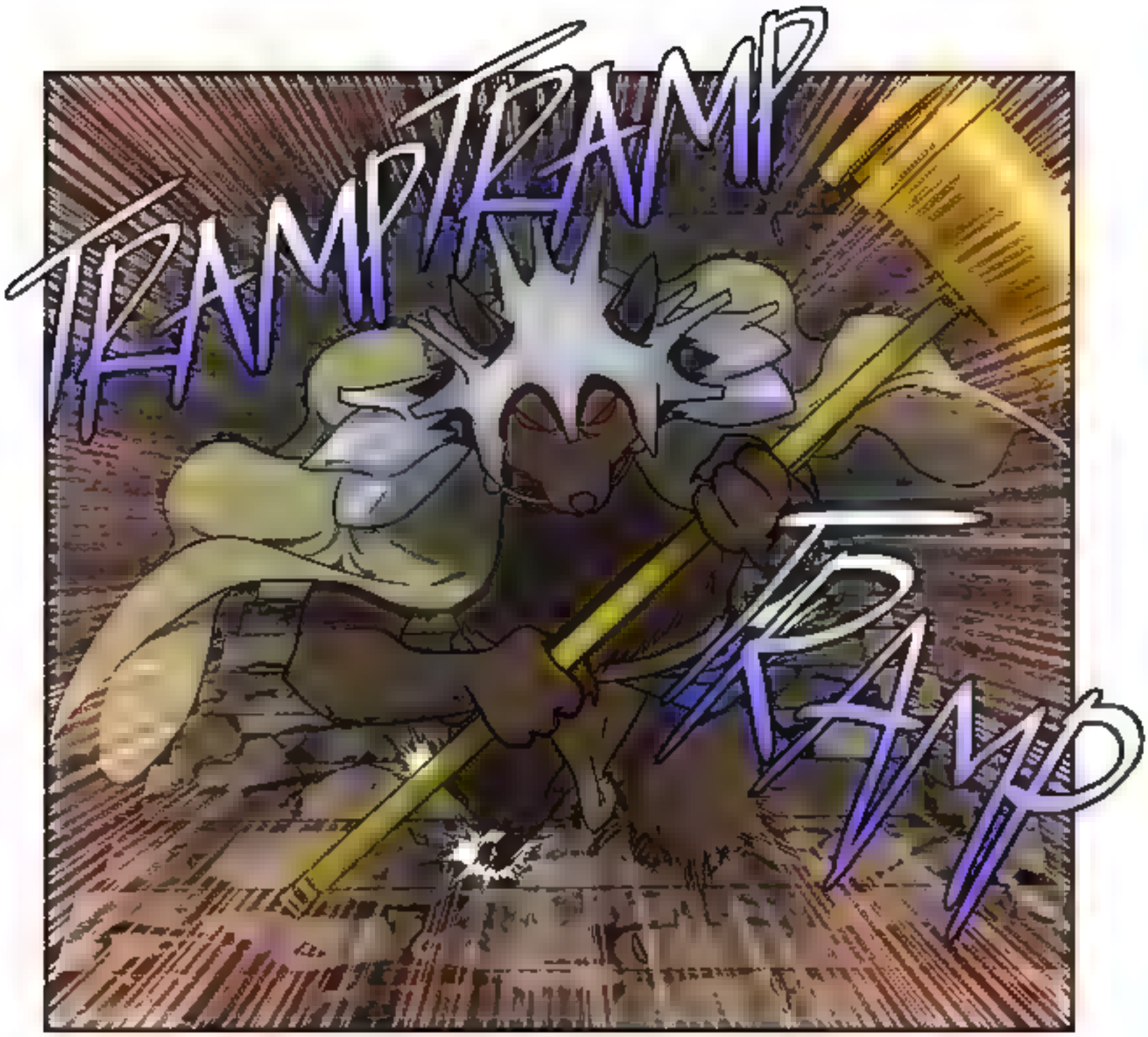

KA-BOOM

HOW WAS THAT...?


TWINKLE

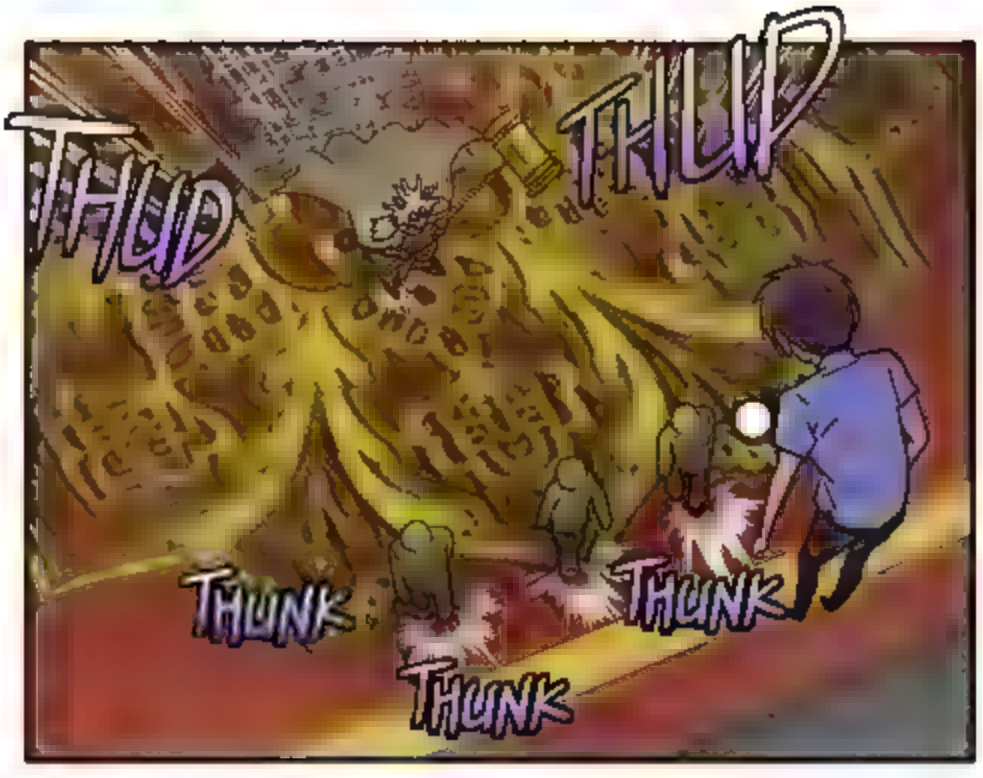
GROWL
WOOSH

GRAB


TRAMP
TRAMP
TRAMP

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT IT?
GOLEMS!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

THUNK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THUNK
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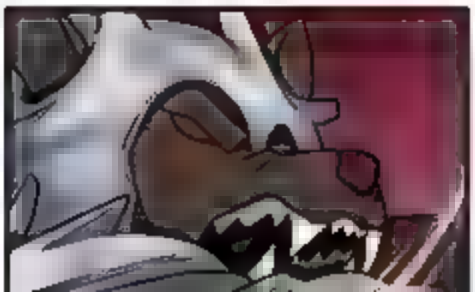
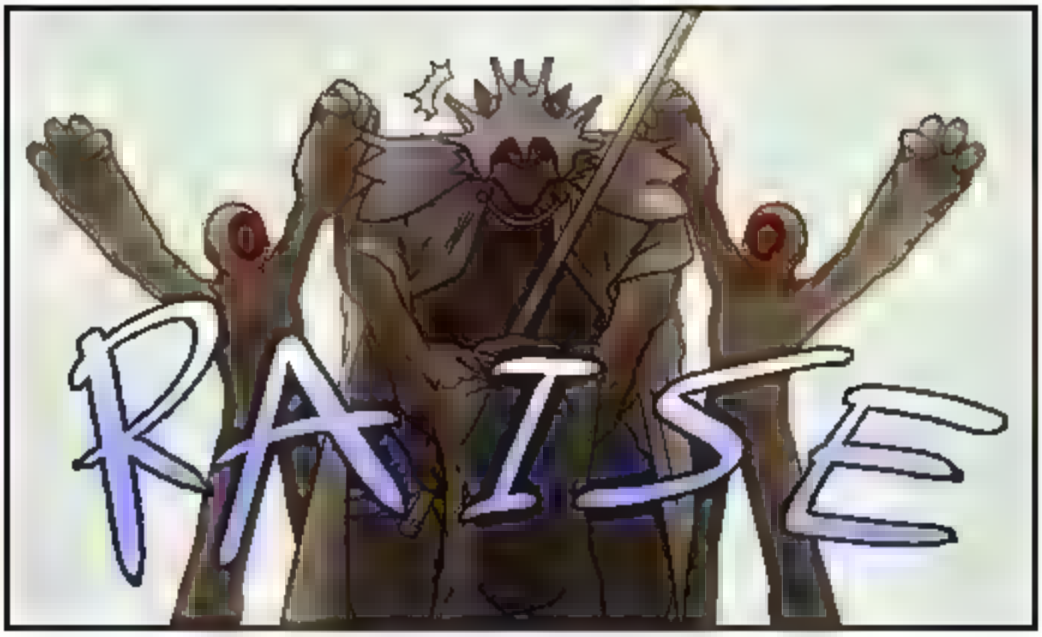


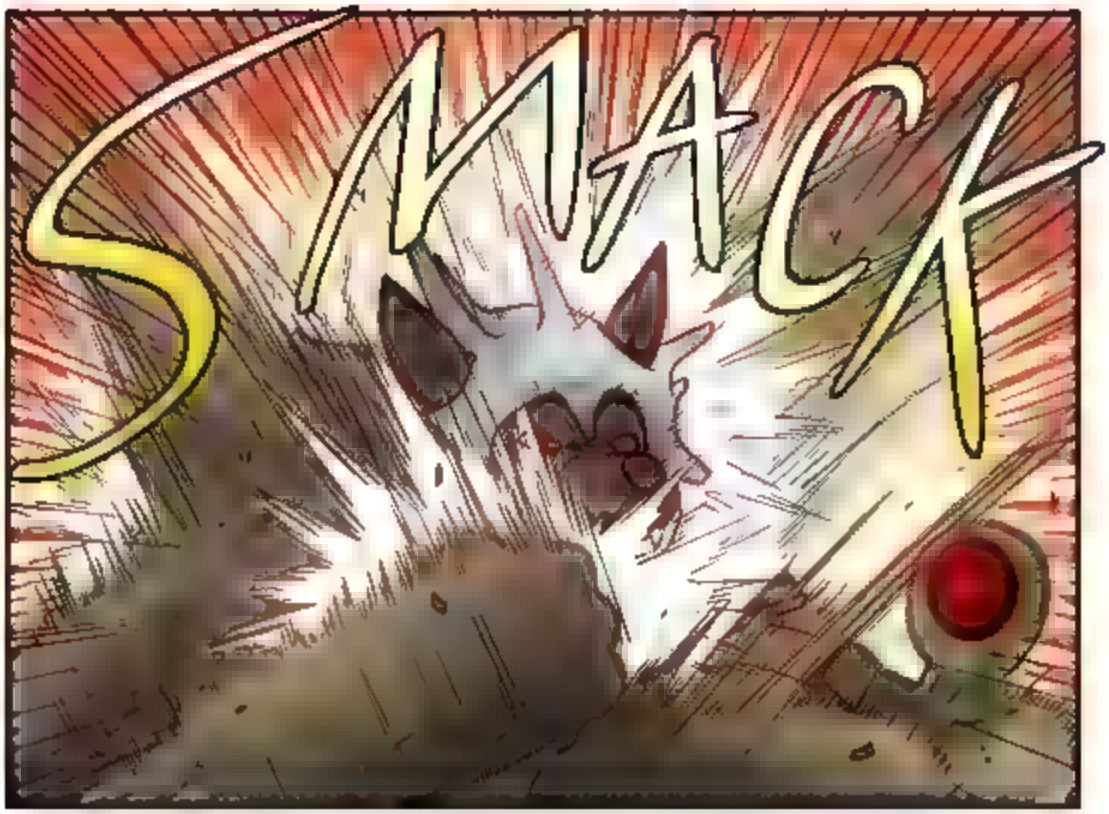
WOOSH

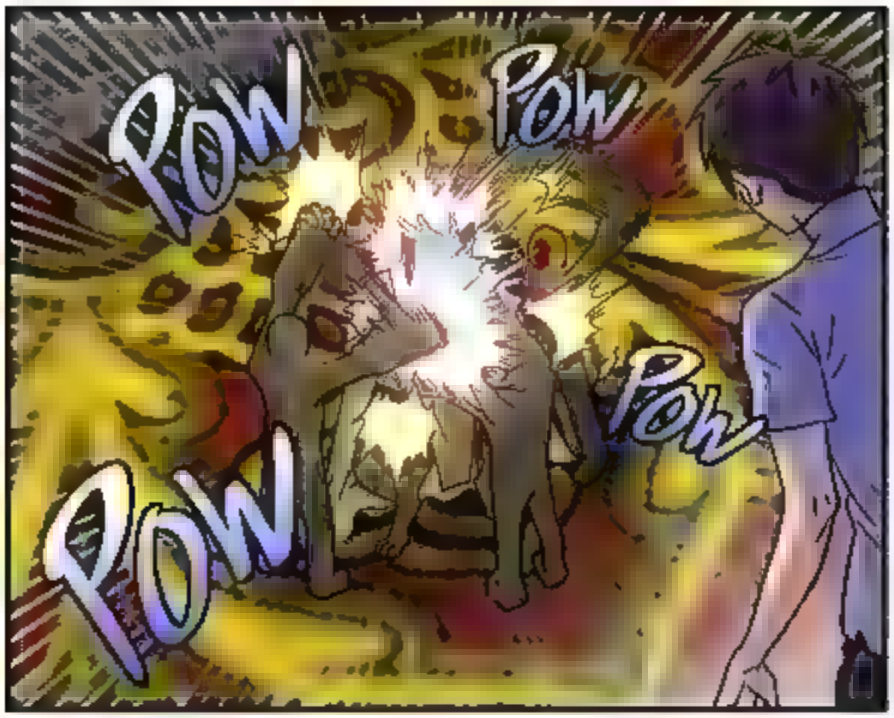
POW

!
GRAB

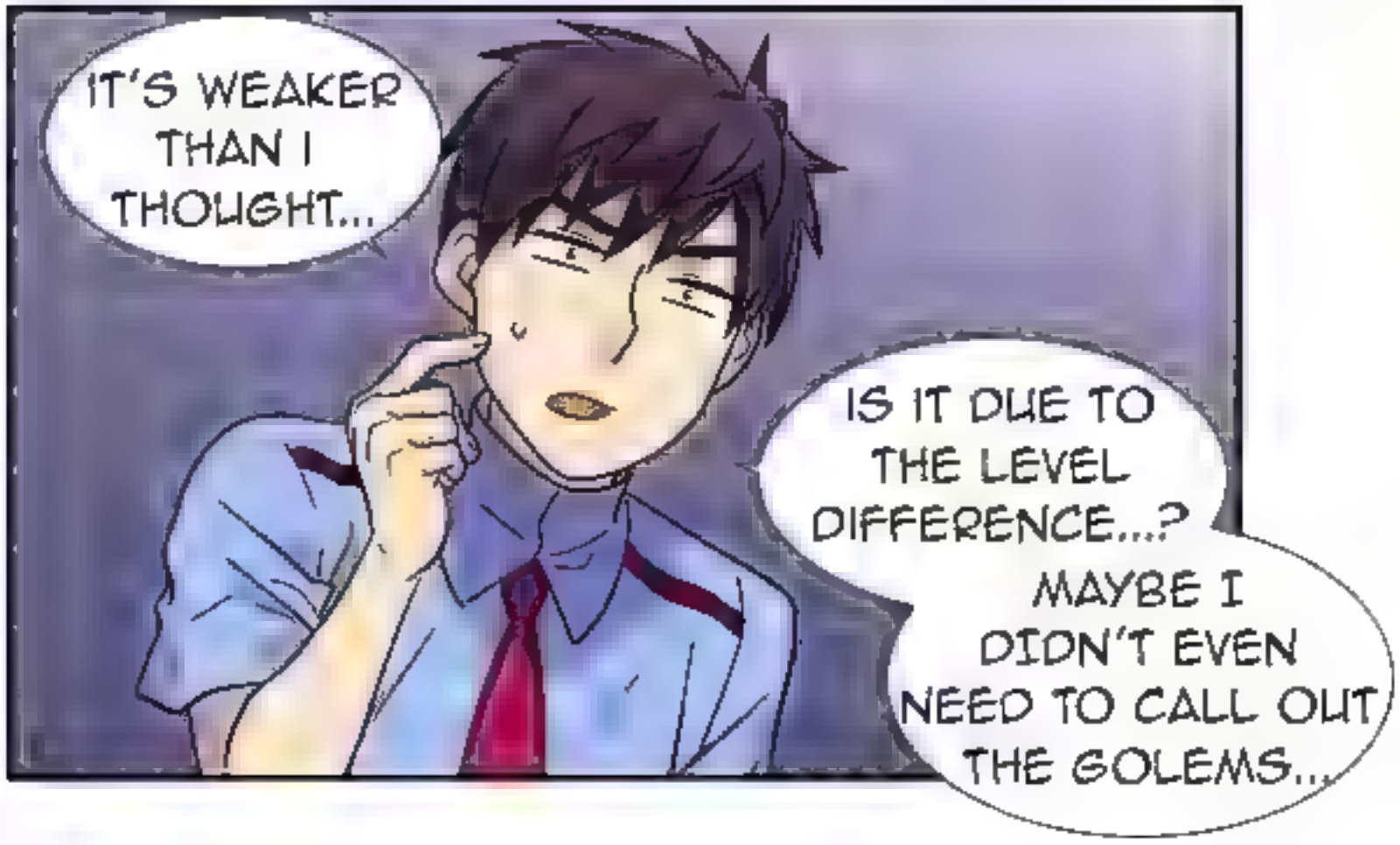

RAISE

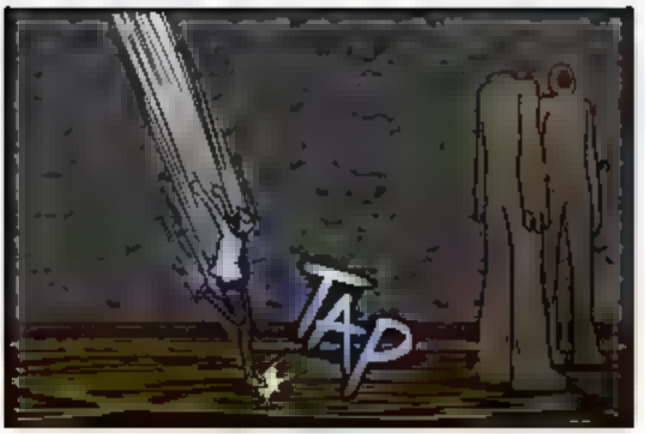
WOOSH


SMACK

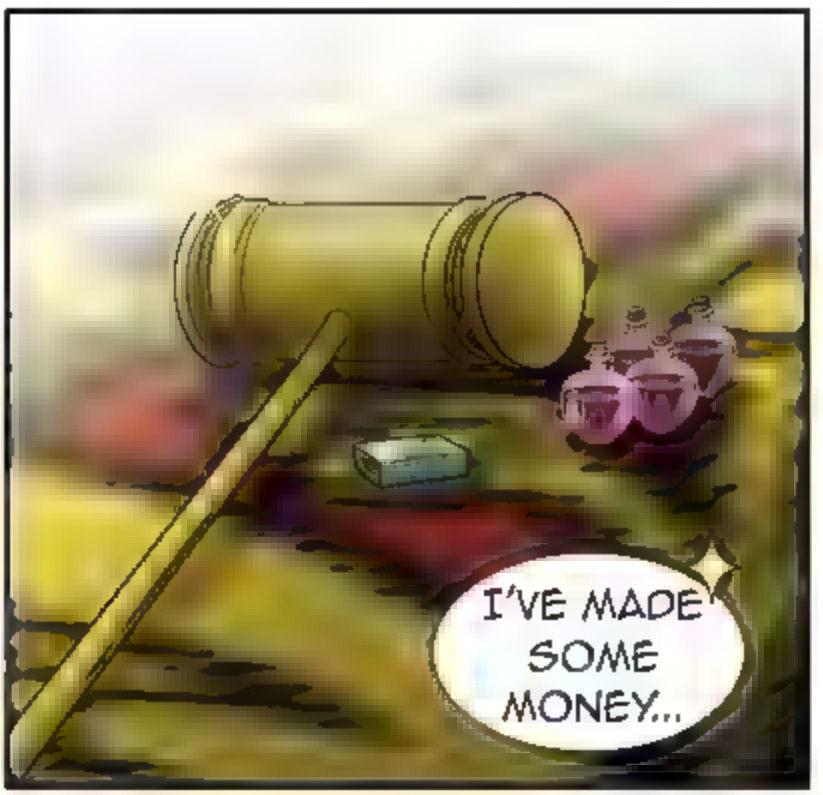

POW
POW
POW
POW

KK
S

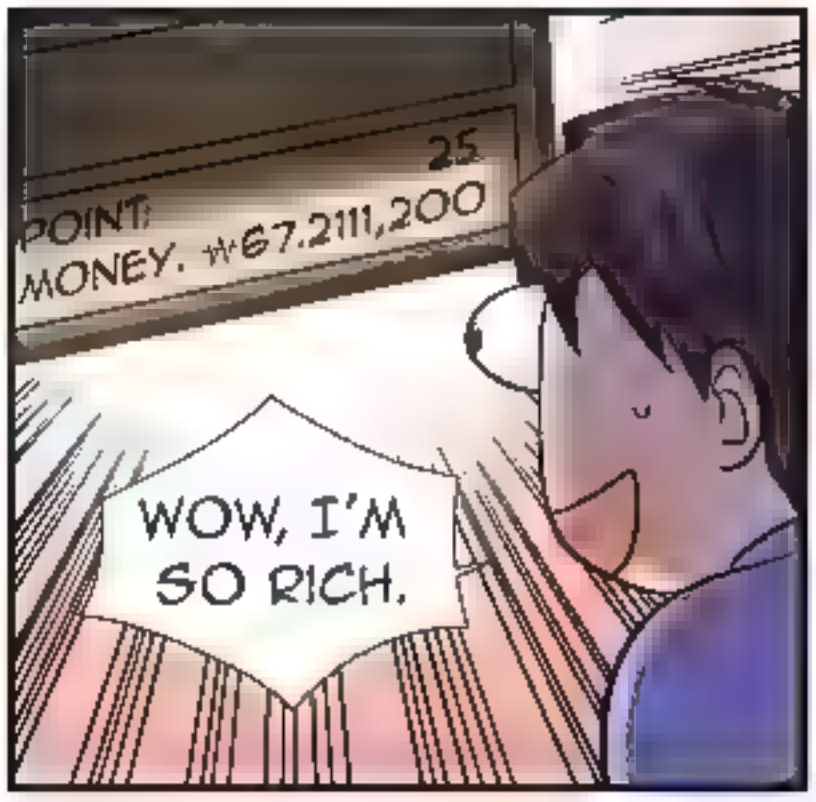

IT'S WEAKER THAN I THOUGHT...
IS IT DUE TO THE LEVEL DIFFERENCE...?
MAYBE I DIDN'T EVEN NEED TO CALL OUT THE GOLEMS...


TAP

RUMBLE
RUMBLE


I'VE MADE SOME MONEY...

ACTUALLY, POTIONS ARE WORTH MORE.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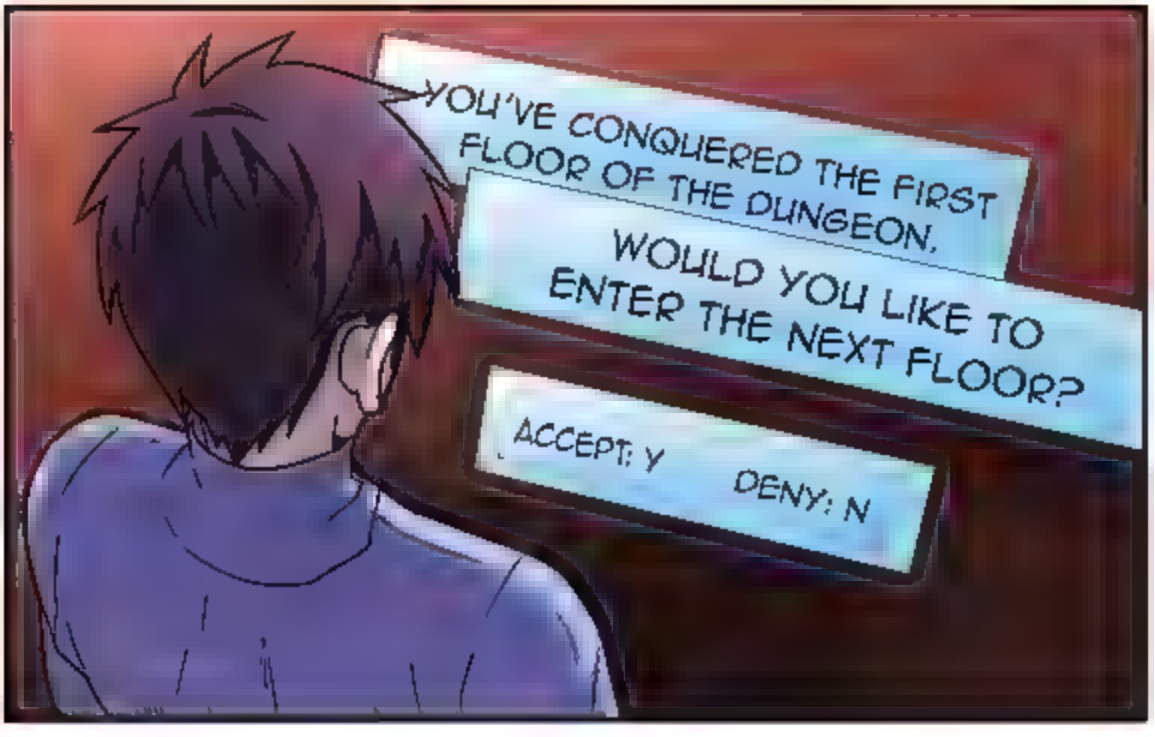
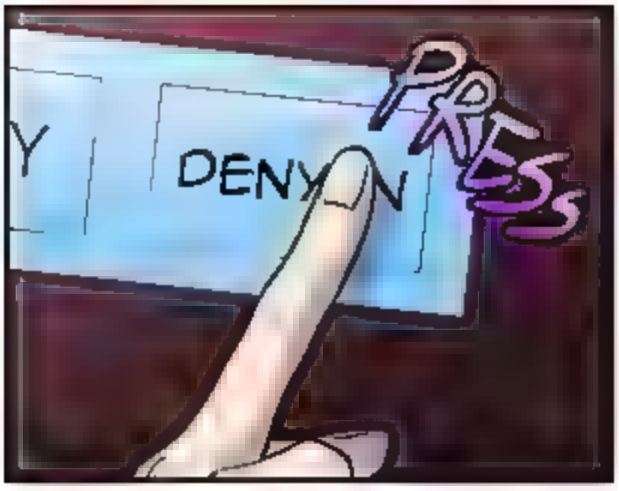
POINT:
MONEY. ₩67.2111,200
WOW, I'M SO RICH.

PLUS, MY POTIONS HAVE INCREASED TO 28! I'LL BE SUPER RICH!

WELL, MAGIC BOOKS ARE EXPENSIVE, SO I'LL SPEND TONS OF MONEY SOON THOUGH...
SSH

RING
RING
SSH


YOU'VE CONQUERED THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE DUNGEON.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO ENTER THE NEXT FLOOR?
ACCEPT: Y
DENY: N


Y
DENY
N
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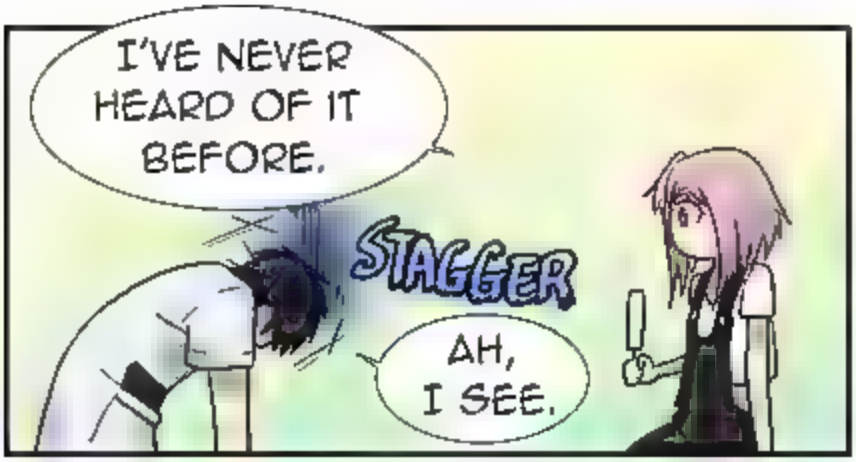
PHAT

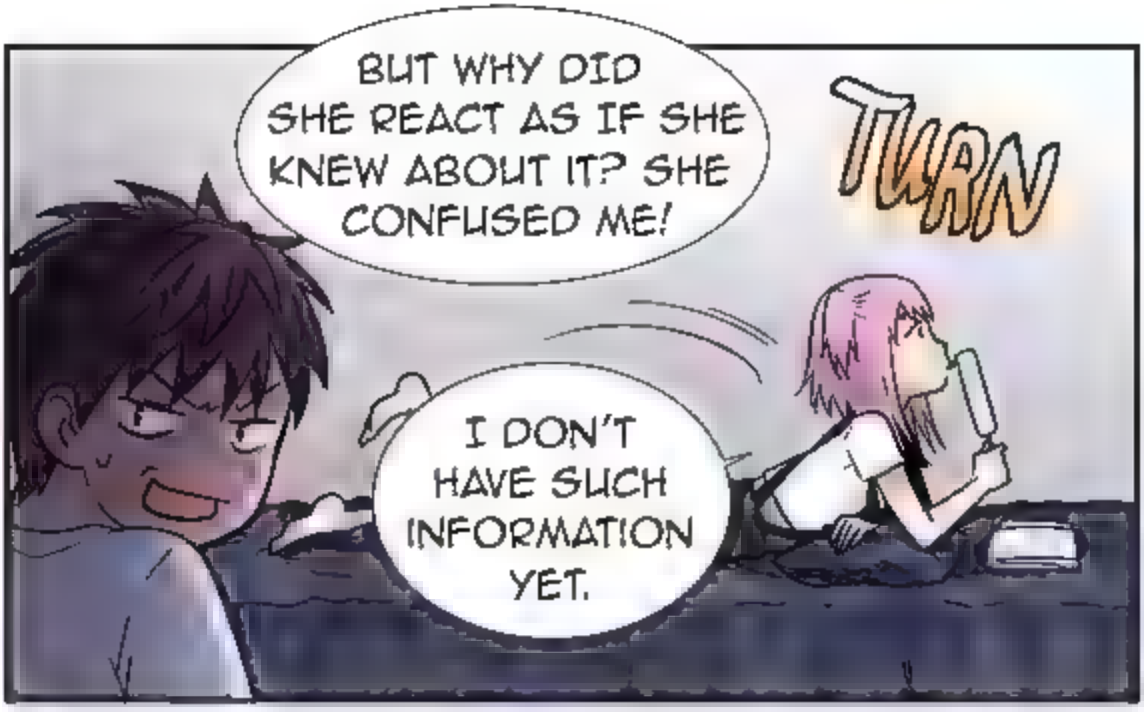
ZZZT

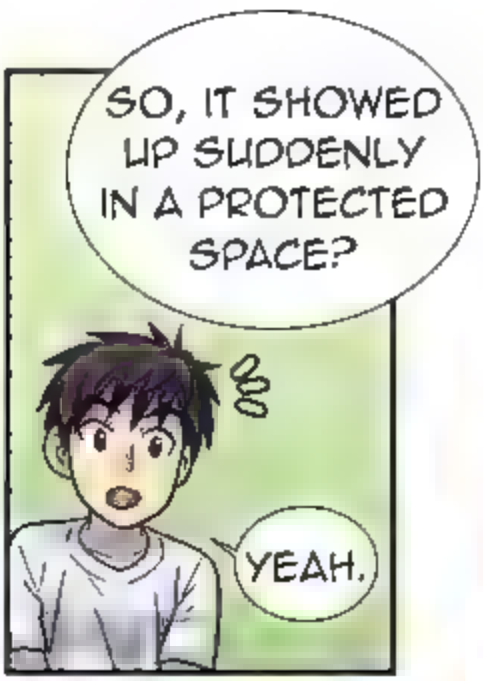
HAS IT BEEN ABOUT AN HOUR...?

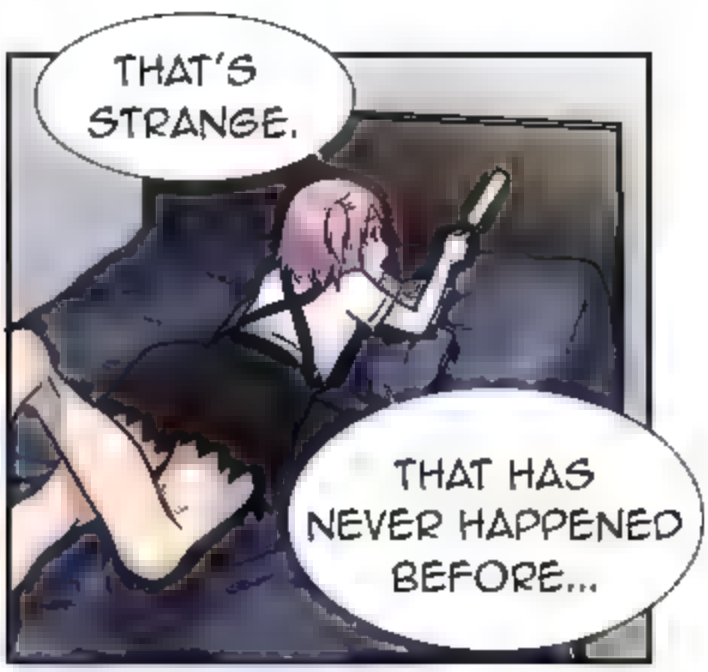
THE GAMER

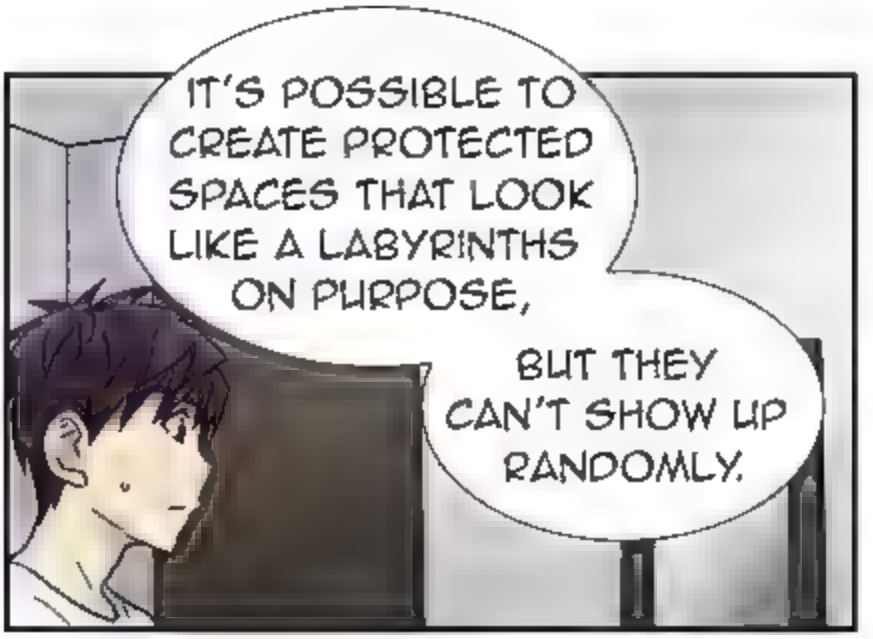
THE GREAT LABYRINTH?

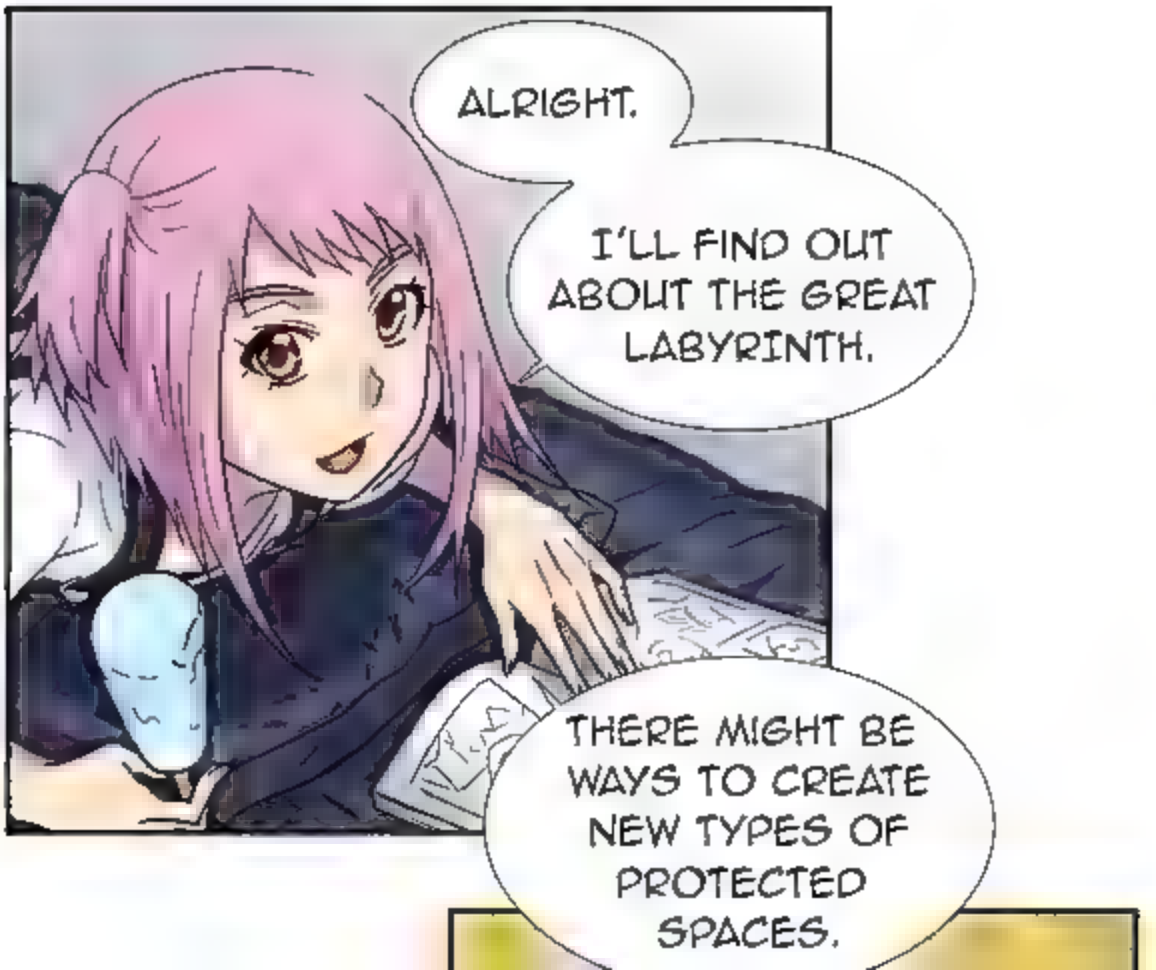

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF IT BEFORE.
STAGGER
AH, I SEE.


BUT WHY DID SHE REACT AS IF SHE KNEW ABOUT IT? SHE CONFUSED ME!
TURN
I DON'T HAVE SUCH INFORMATION YET.


SO, IT SHOWED UP SUDDENLY IN A PROTECTED SPACE?
YEAH.

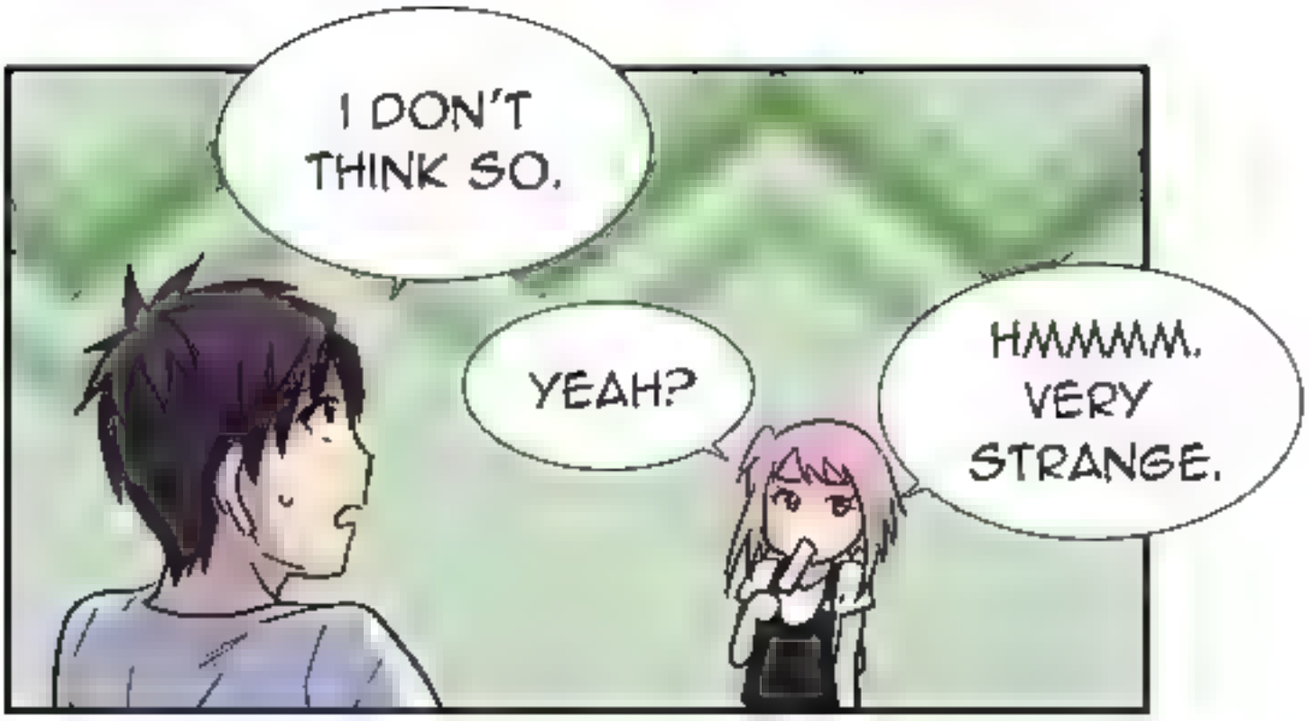

THAT'S STRANGE.
THAT HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE...


IT'S POSSIBLE TO CREATE PROTECTED SPACES THAT LOOK LIKE A LABYRINTHS ON PURPOSE,
BUT THEY CAN'T SHOW UP RANDOMLY.


ALRIGHT.
I'LL FIND OUT ABOUT THE GREAT LABYRINTH.
THERE MIGHT BE WAYS TO CREATE NEW TYPES OF PROTECTED SPACES.

THANK YOU, PLEASE.

COME TO THINK OF IT, WHEN YOU MAKE A PROTECTED SPACE, IT TURNS INTO SOMETHING LIKE A DUNGEON IN A GAME.
MAYBE THIS WAS BECAUSE OF THAT EFFECT?


I DON'T THINK SO.
YEAH?
HMMMM. VERY STRANGE.

ALRIGHT.
I'M GOING OUT NOW.

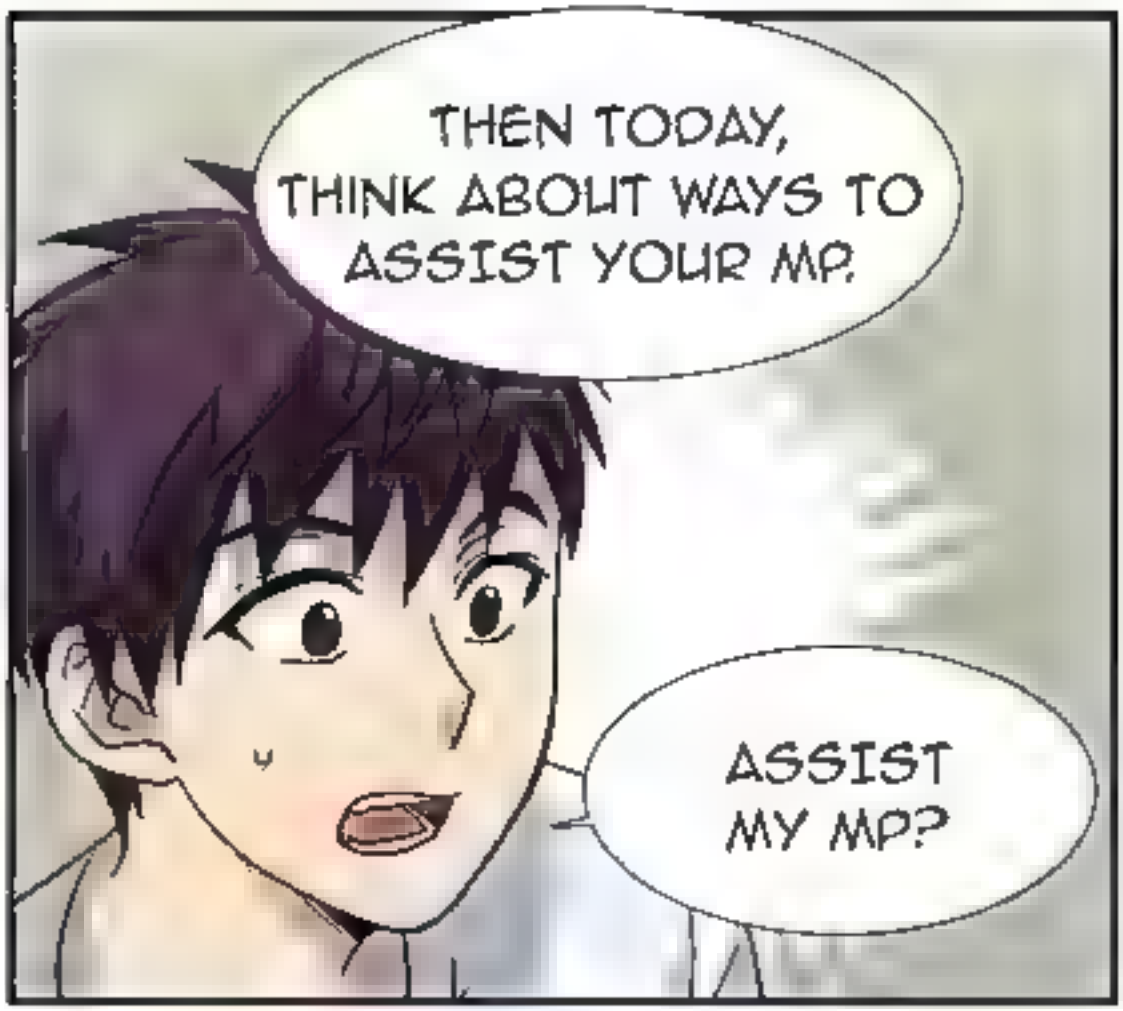
JIHAN, YOU STAY HERE AND TRAIN.

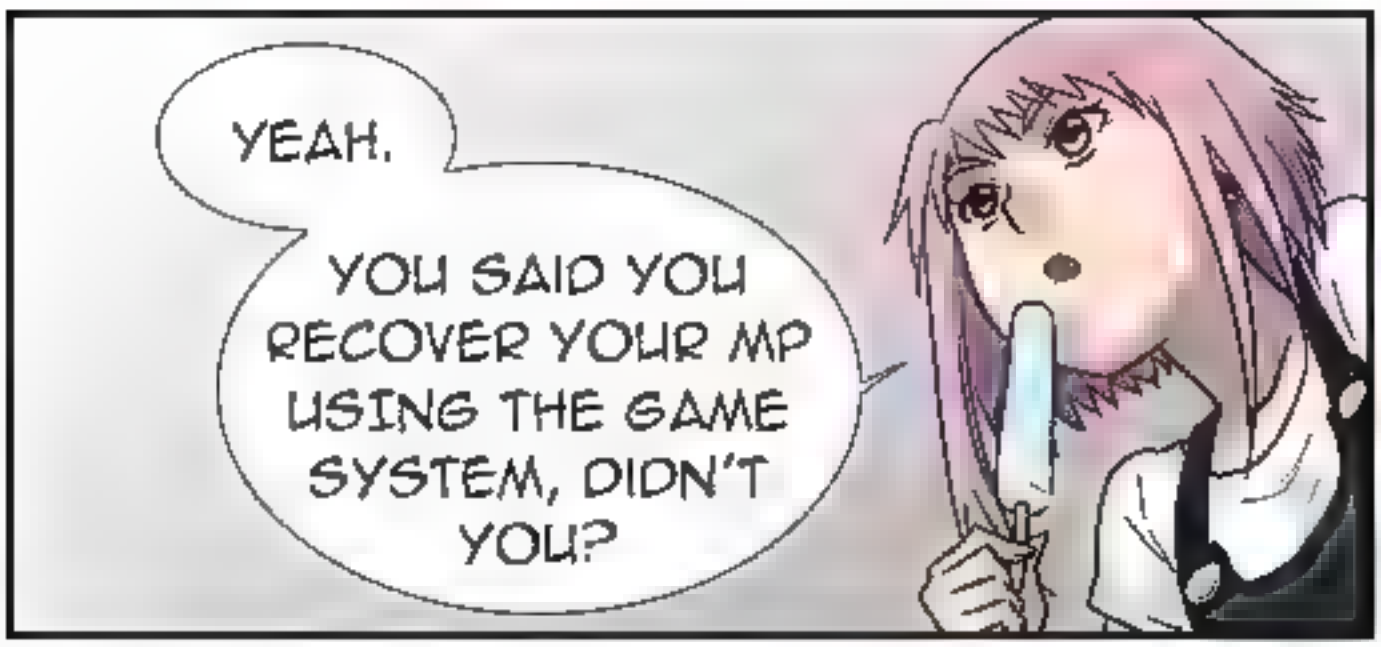
HUH? WHAT KIND OF TRAINING?

EVASION AND CONCEALMENT, AND LONG RANGE ATTACKS ARE THE BASIC METHODS FOR A FIGHTING WIZARD.

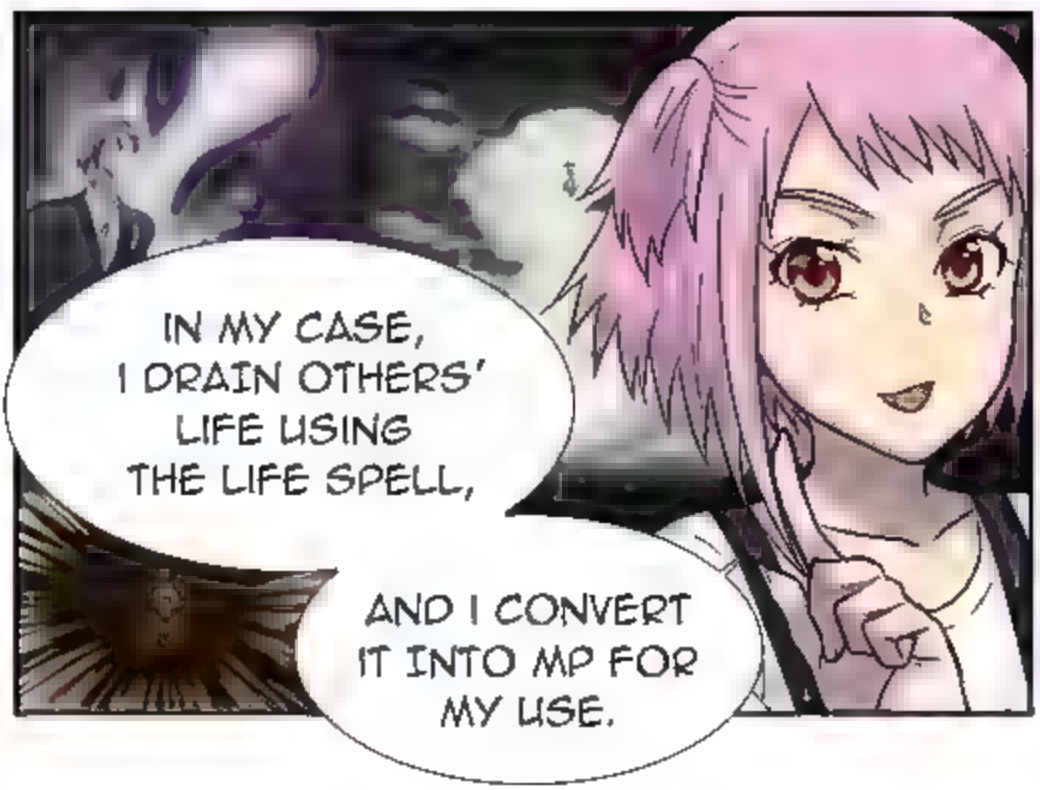
YOU KNOW THIS NOW, RIGHT?

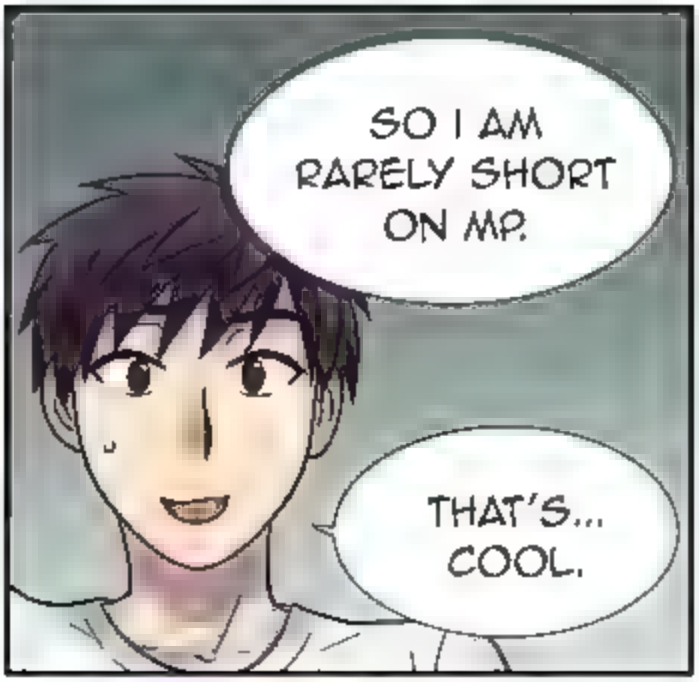
YES.


THEN TODAY, THINK ABOUT WAYS TO ASSIST YOUR MP.
ASSIST MY MP?


YEAH.
YOU SAID YOU RECOVER YOUR MP USING THE GAME SYSTEM, DIDN'T YOU?

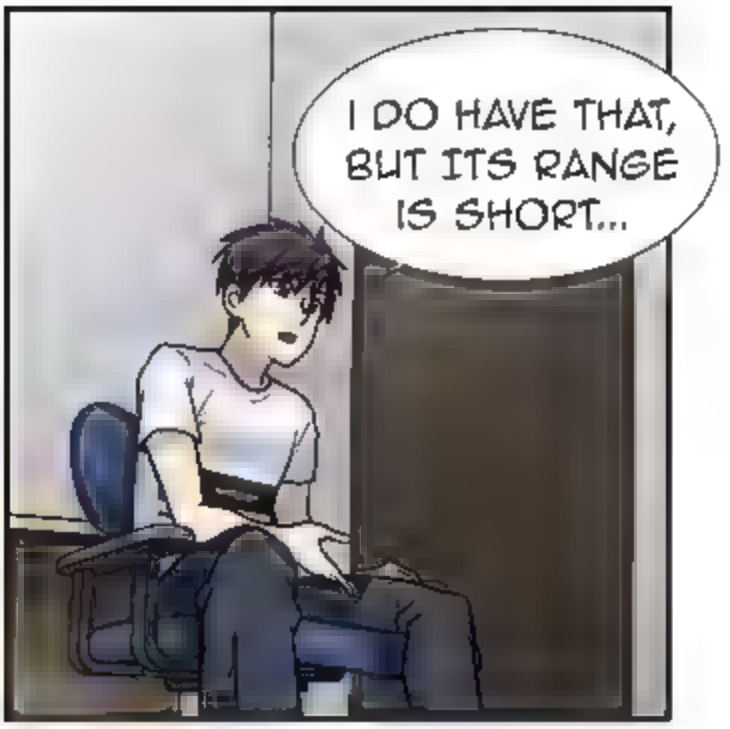
BUT THAT ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH.
CONSIDER WAYS TO RECOVER YOUR MP ON YOUR OWN.


IN MY CASE, I DRAIN OTHERS' LIFE USING THE LIFE SPELL,
AND I CONVERT IT INTO MP FOR MY USE.

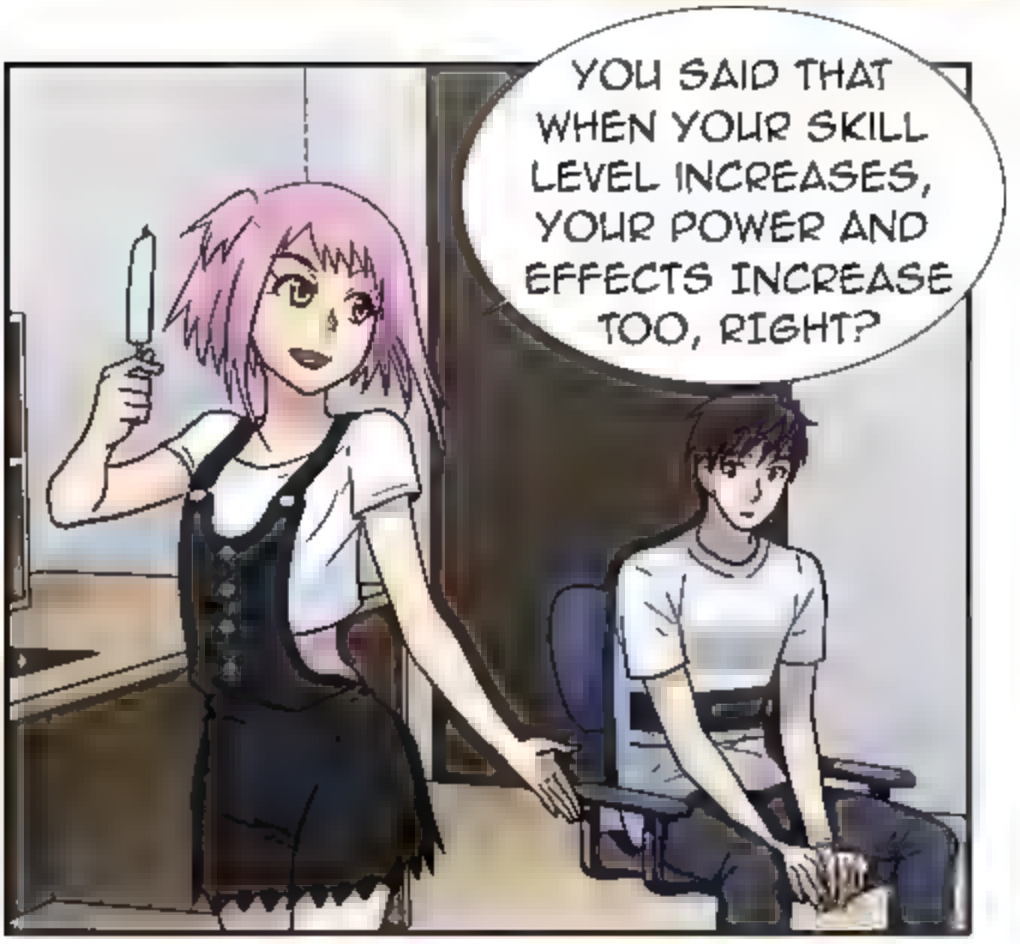

SO I AM RARELY SHORT ON MP.
THAT'S... COOL.

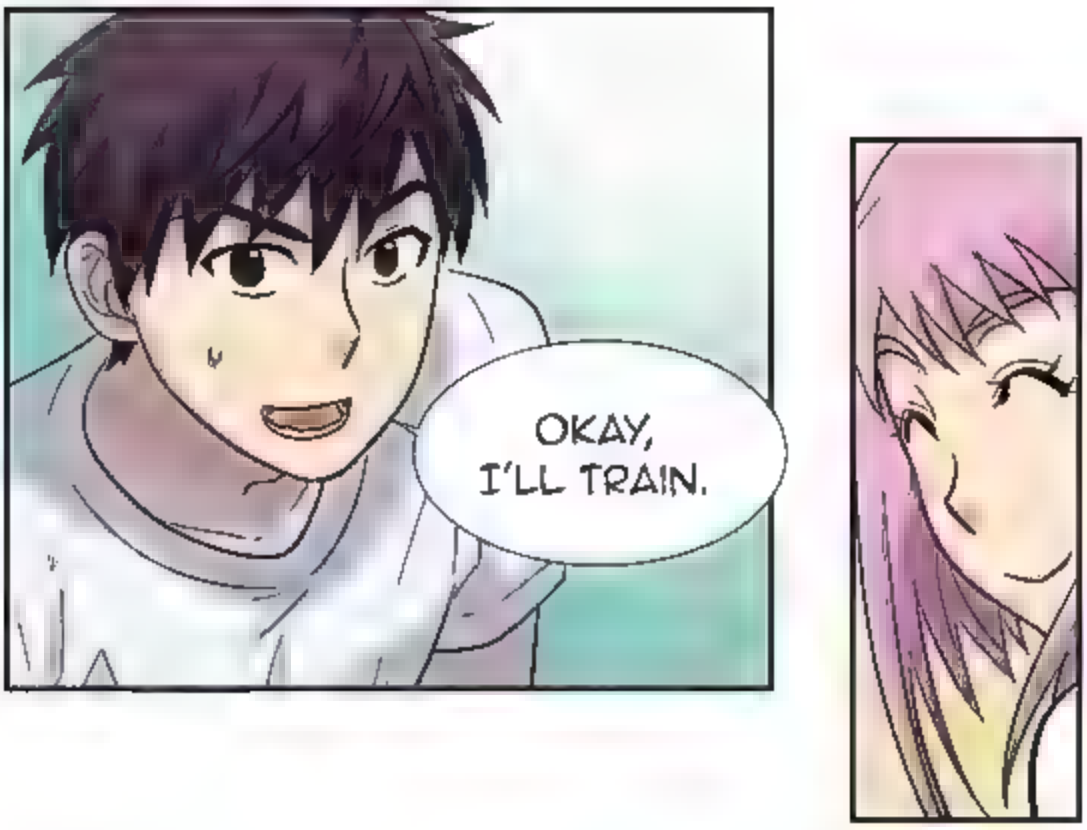
DOESN'T IT WORK FOR YOU TOO?

ENERGY DRAIN.


I DO HAVE THAT, BUT ITS RANGE IS SHORT...

KEEP WORKING.

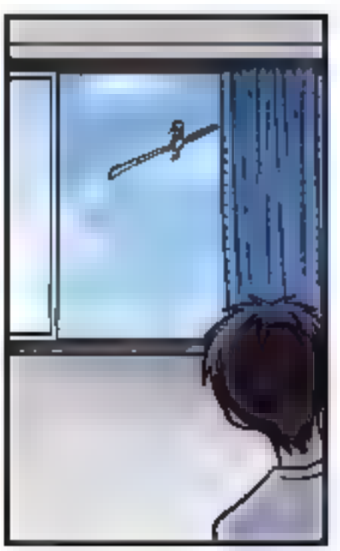

YOU SAID THAT WHEN YOUR SKILL LEVEL INCREASES, YOUR POWER AND EFFECTS INCREASE TOO, RIGHT?

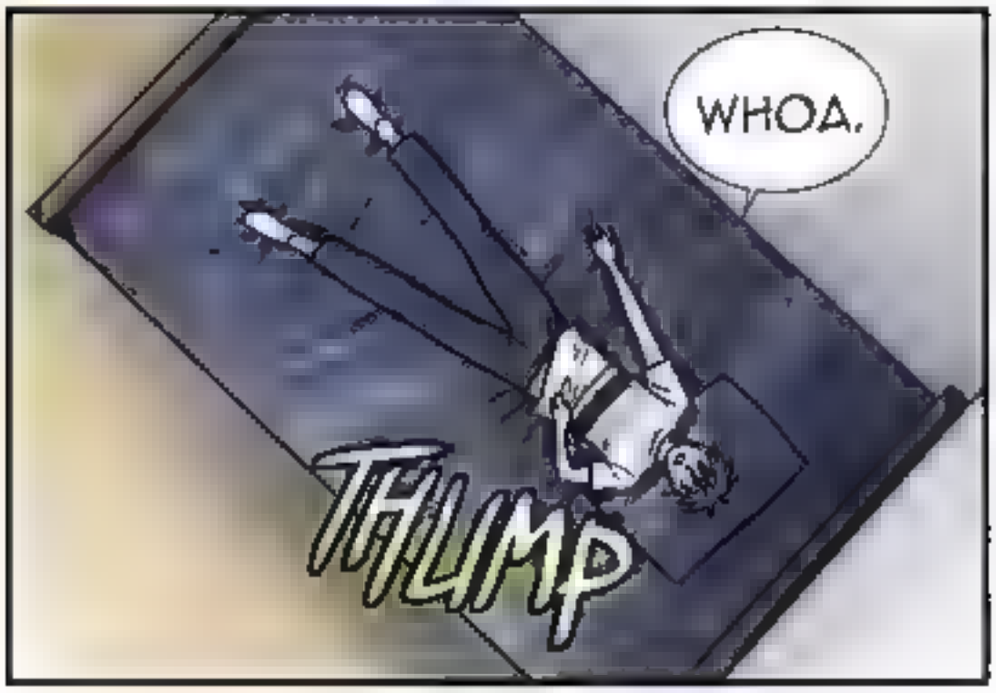

OKAY,
I'LL TRAIN.

OK, THEN I'LL
BE OUT FOR A WEEK.
SEE YOU LATER.
GOOD LUCK.

SSH
ONE MORE THING. PRACTICE USING THE DUAL SPELL TOO.

OKAY. GOOD BYE.
WOOSH




WHOA.
THUMP

THE ABYSS...

RAISE

WITH THIS HAND...
WILL I EVER KILL SOMEONE?

I DON'T THINK I'LL BE MENTALLY SHOCKED EVEN IF I KILLED SOMEONE.

BUT,

I'M SURE SOMETHING'S GONNA CHANGE.

MORALLY, MY MIND WILL TOTALLY CHANGE.

I HAVEN'T KILLED A SINGLE PERSON YET...
BUT THE ABYSS IS A BATTLEFIELD.
I MIGHT END UP KILLING SOMEBODY.

WHEN THE DAY COMES...
WHAT CHOICE WILL I MAKE?

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THE GAMER

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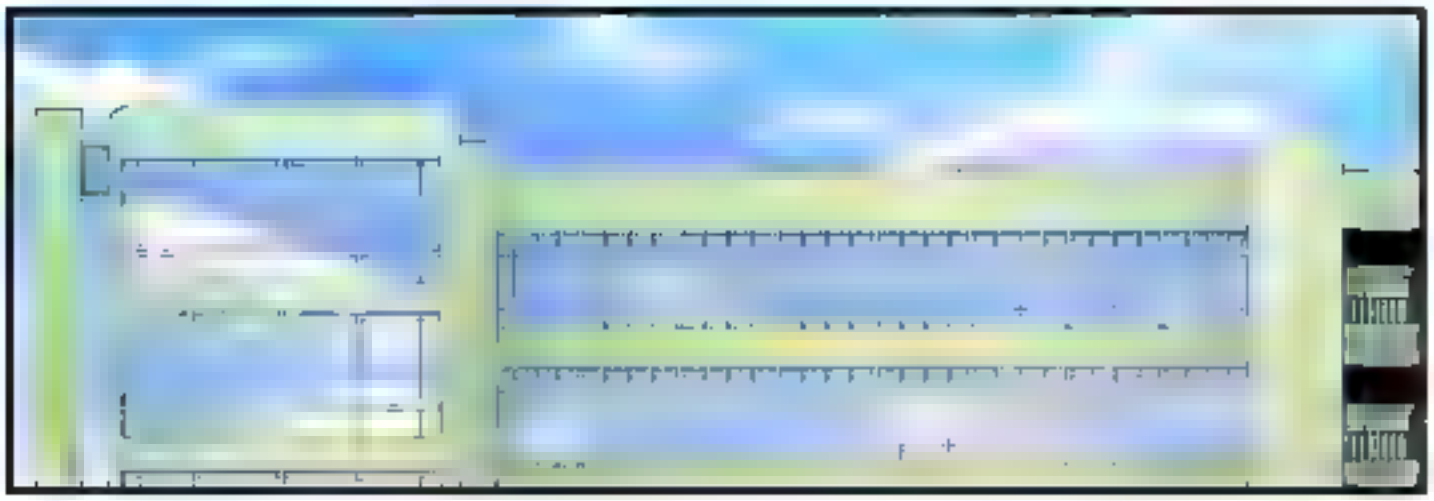
ILLUST BY SANG-A



JIHAN, HOW DID YOU DO ON YOUR TEST?

A WILD SEONG-A HAS APPEARED. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

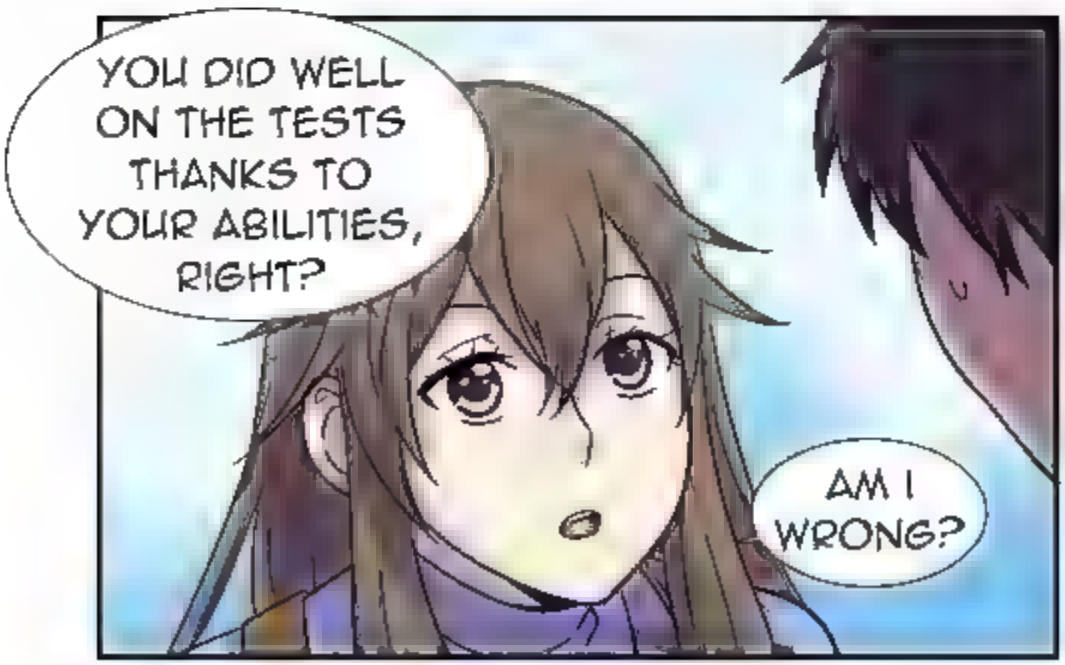
→ATTACK.
TALK TO HER.
RUN AWAY.

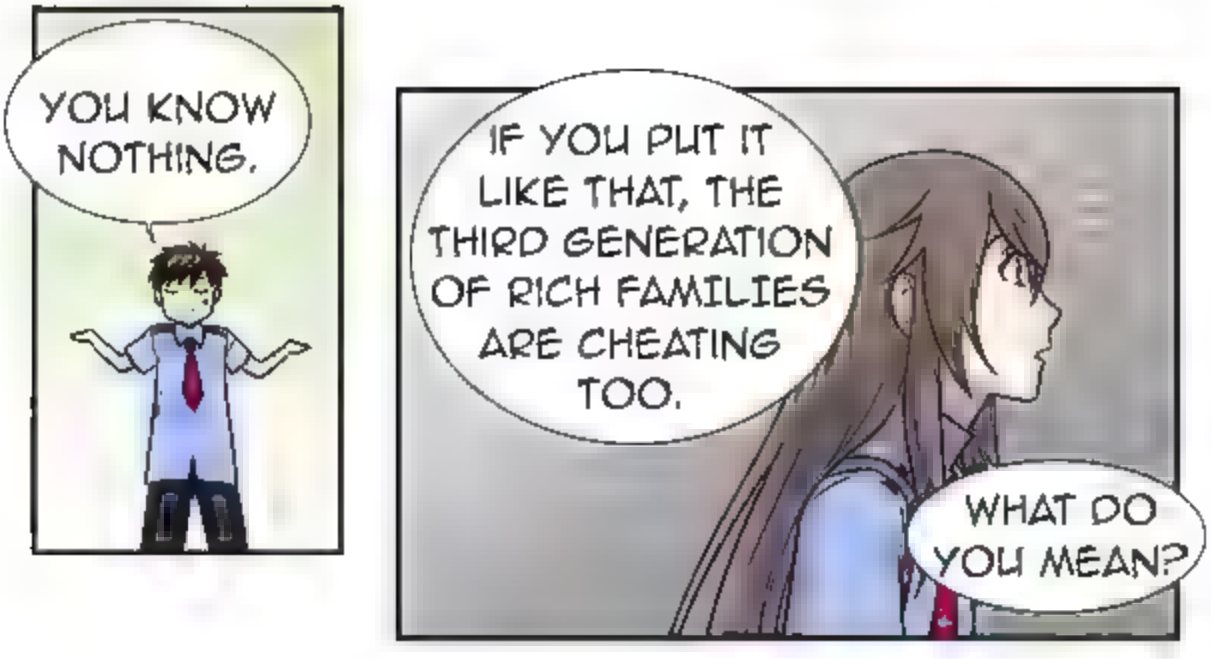
ATTACK.
→TALK TO HER.
RUN AWAY.

THAT'S CHEATING.

UM, I GOT ALMOST A PERFECT SCORE.

WHAT IS?


YOU DID WELL ON THE TESTS THANKS TO YOUR ABILITIES, RIGHT?
AM I WRONG?


YOU KNOW NOTHING.
IF YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT, THE THIRD GENERATION OF RICH FAMILIES ARE CHEATING TOO.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

FROM THE BEGINNING, THE WORLD HAS BEEN UNREASONABLE.
TAP

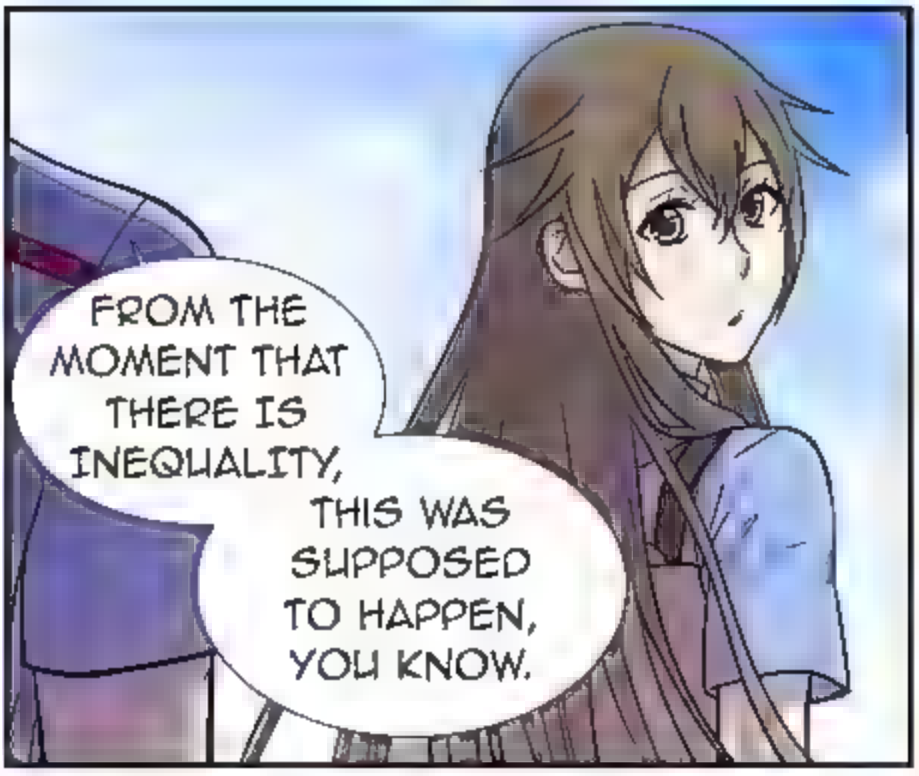
SOME KIDS CAN'T EVEN HAVE A PROPER MEAL BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD FOOD AND ELECTRICITY, NOT TO MENTION FEES FOR EXTRA CLASSES.

ON THE CONTRARY, KIDS WHOSE PARENTS ARE RICH, HAVE TUTORS AND GO ABROAD TO STUDY FOR EARLY EDUCATION.

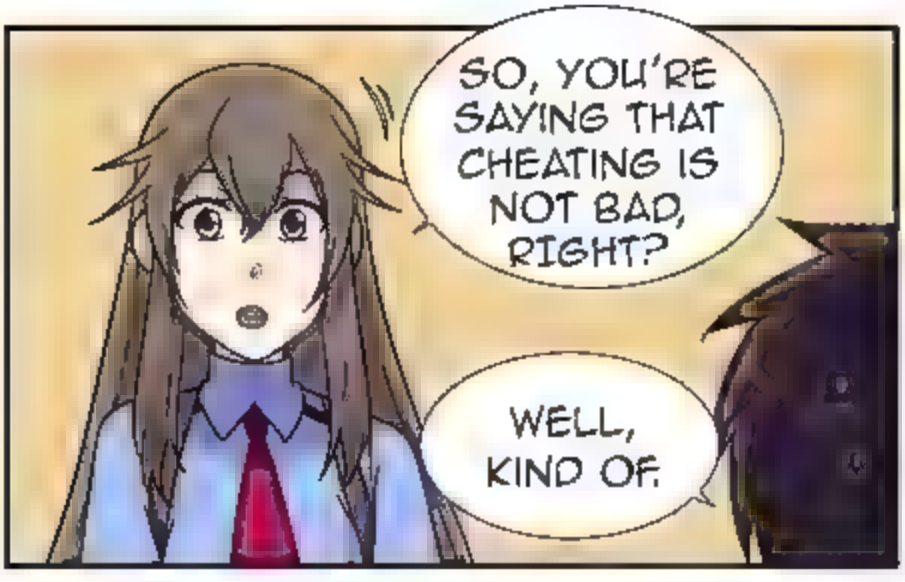
OUR STARTING POINTS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE MOMENT WE'RE BORN.

IT'S ALREADY UNFAIR.

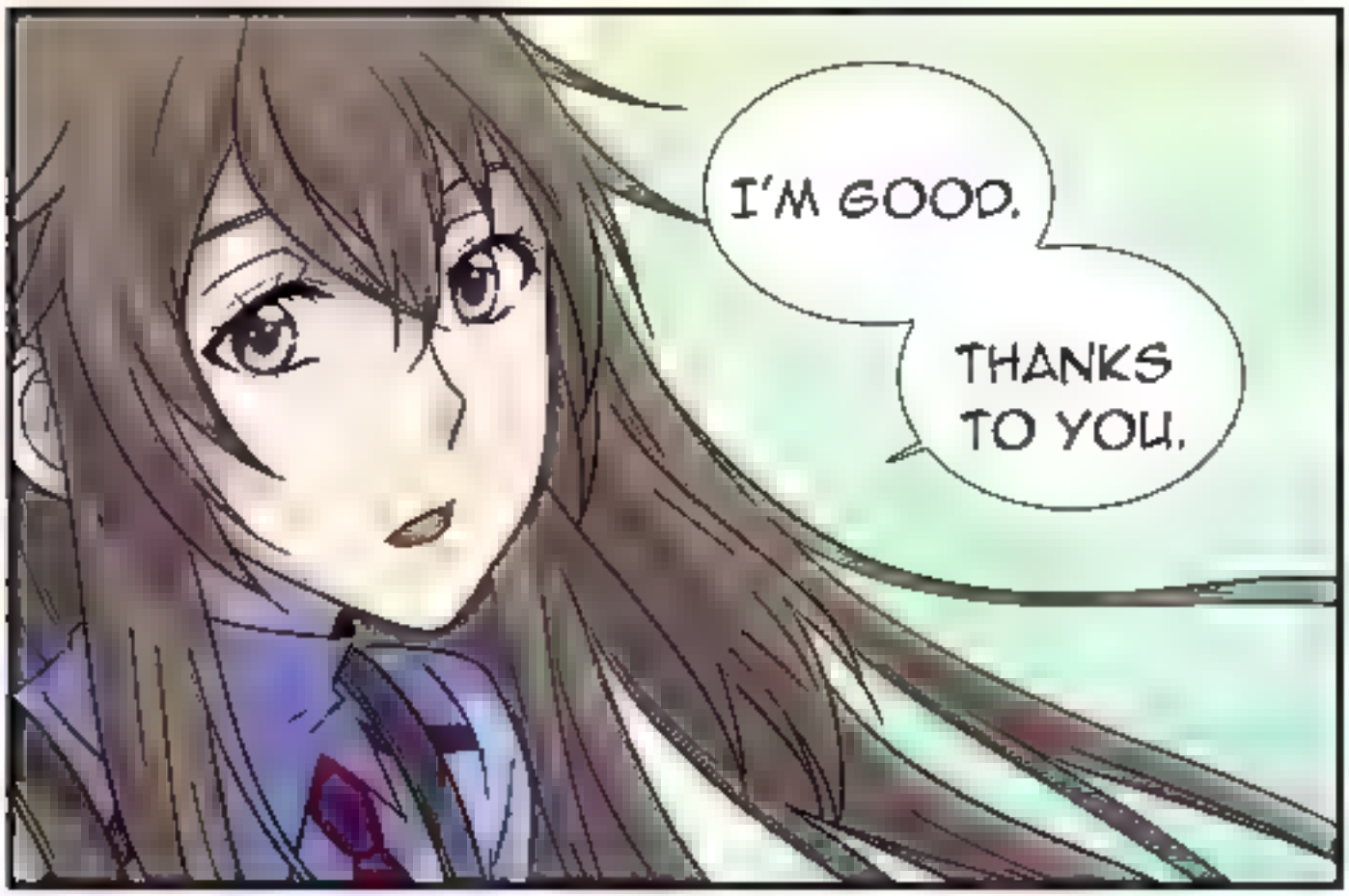
CHEATING IS JUST RAMPANT IN THE WORLD.

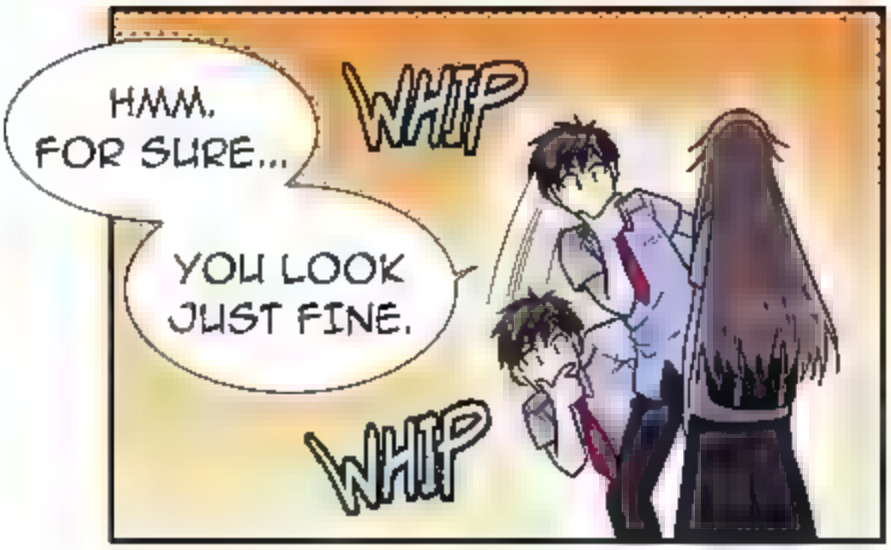

FROM THE MOMENT THAT THERE IS INEQUALITY,
THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN, YOU KNOW.

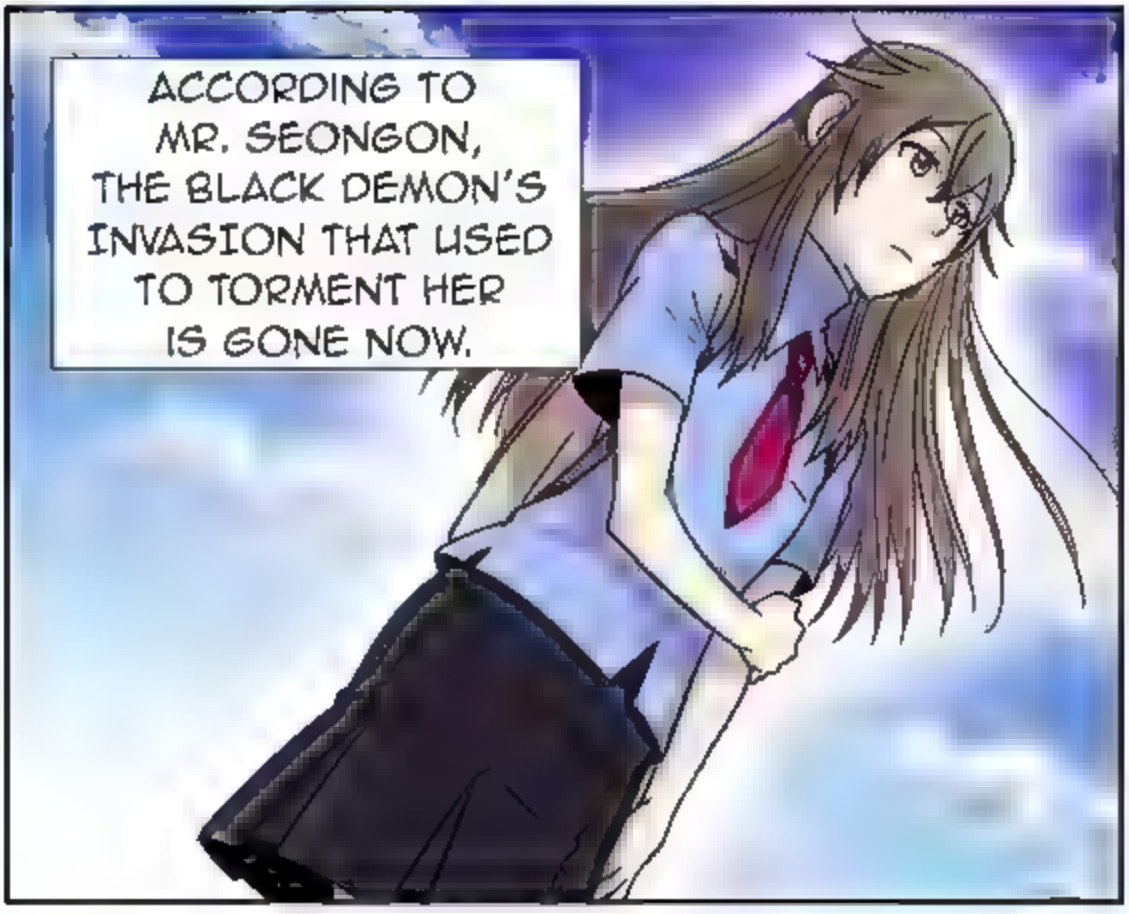
DO YOU GET IT?


SO, YOU'RE SAYING THAT CHEATING IS NOT BAD, RIGHT?
WELL, KIND OF.

BY THE WAY, HOW ARE YOU FEELING?


I'M GOOD.
THANKS TO YOU.


HMM.
FOR SURE...
YOU LOOK
JUST FINE.
WHIP
WHIP


ACCORDING TO
MR. SEONGON,
THE BLACK DEMON'S
INVASION THAT USED
TO TORMENT HER
IS GONE NOW.

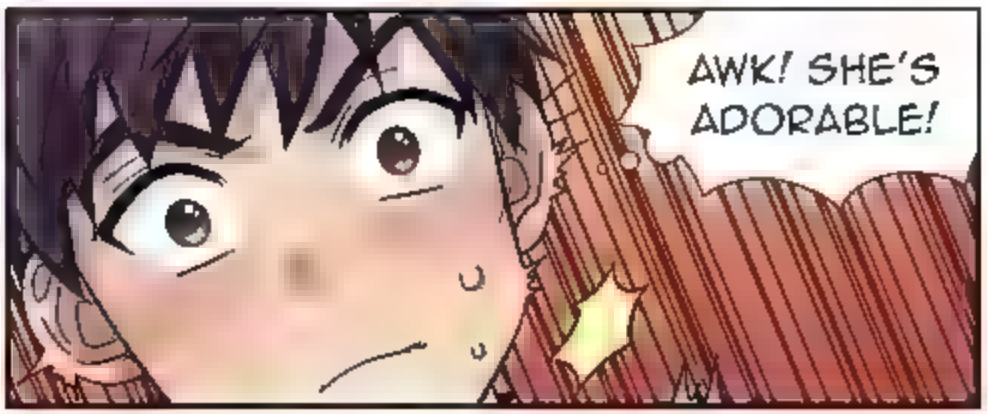
I THINK GOING TO BUKHANSAN FOR HER BACK THEN WAS A GOOD CHOICE TO MAKE.

IF I DIDN'T GO THERE...

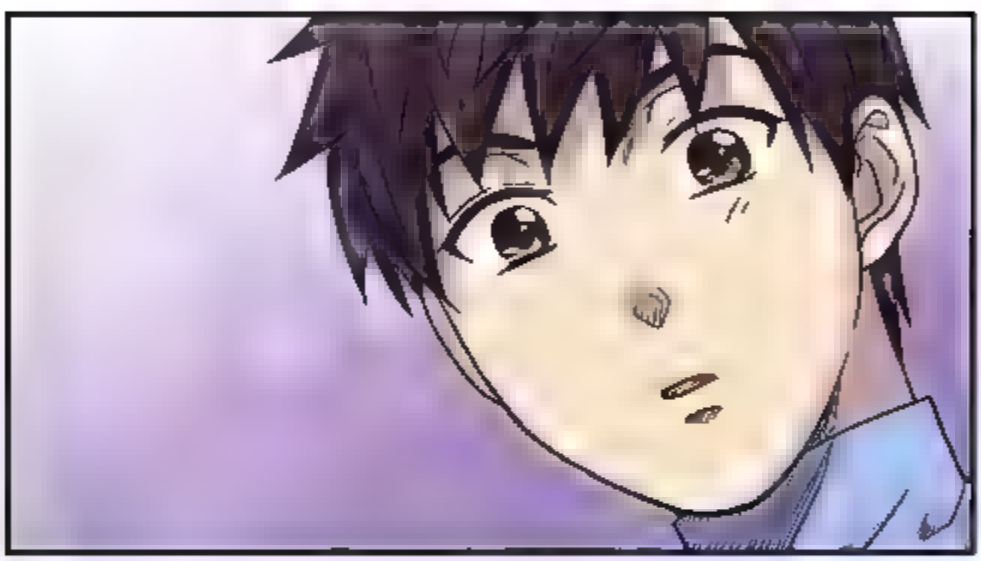
JUST IMAGINING IT KILLS ME.

BLACKIE SAYS THANK YOU, TOO.

PRICK


AWK! SHE'S ADORABLE!

AND...
BLACKIE ISN'T COLD ANYMORE.



HOW ABOUT YOU?

TOUCH

I'M NOT
COLD EITHER.

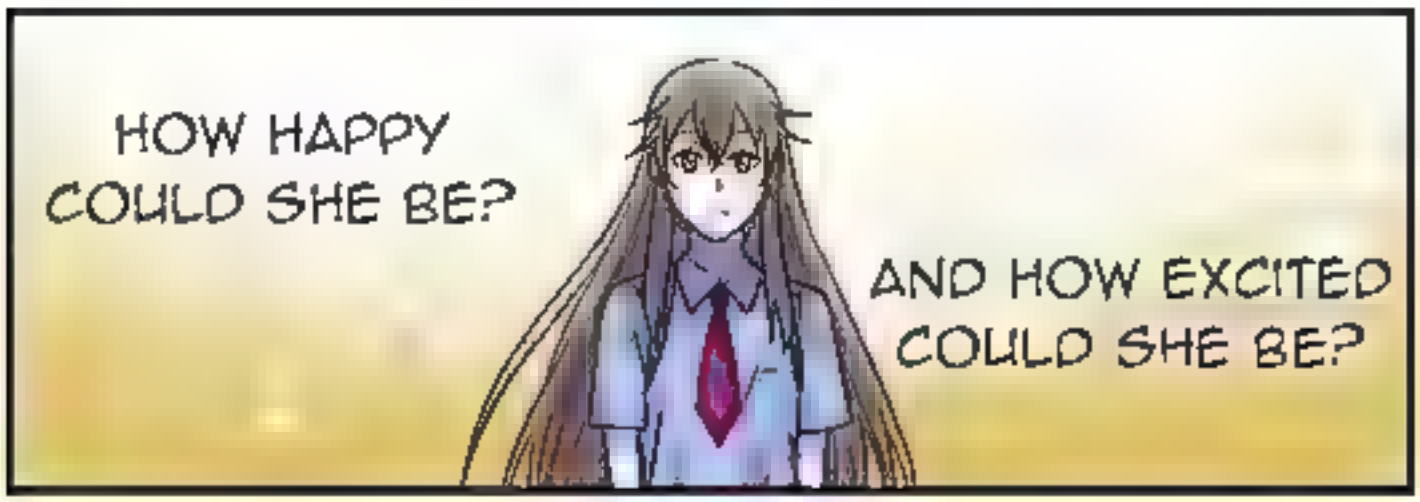
TIGHT
OK.

THAT'S GOOD.
THIS IS AWESOME.

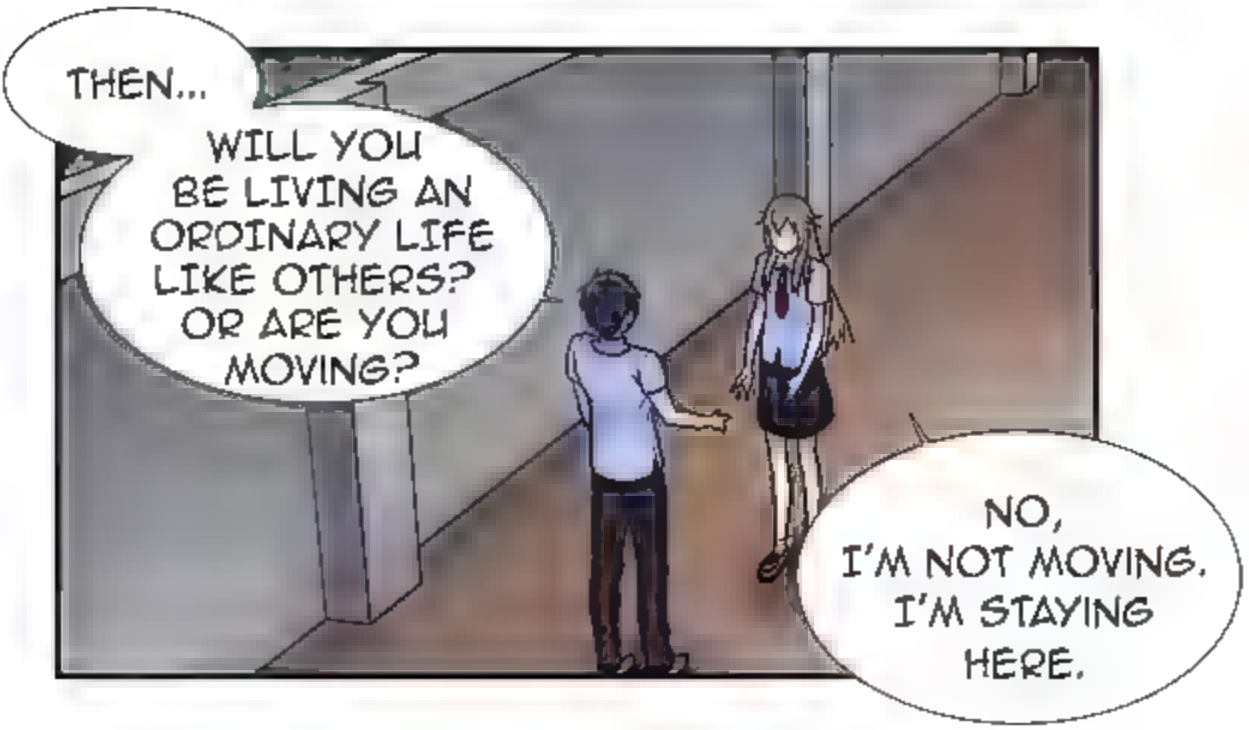
SHE MUST HAVE BEEN SICK HER WHOLE LIFE.

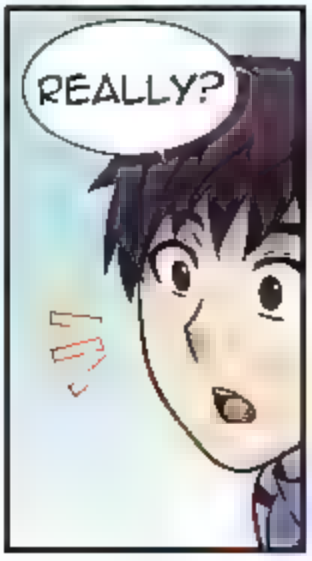
HER SITUATION MUST HAVE BEEN UNSTABLE.

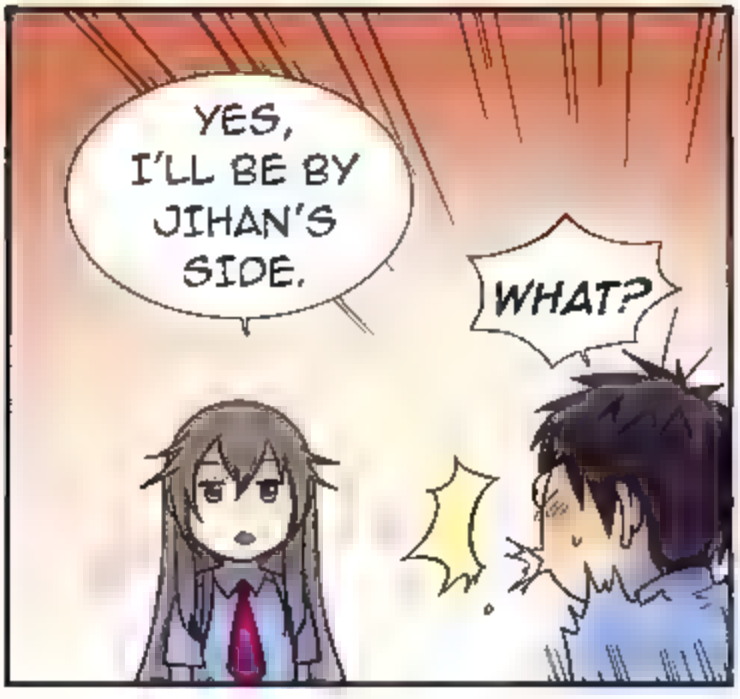
HOWEVER, SHE CAN FINALLY GET TO LIVE LIKE OTHER NORMAL PEOPLE.

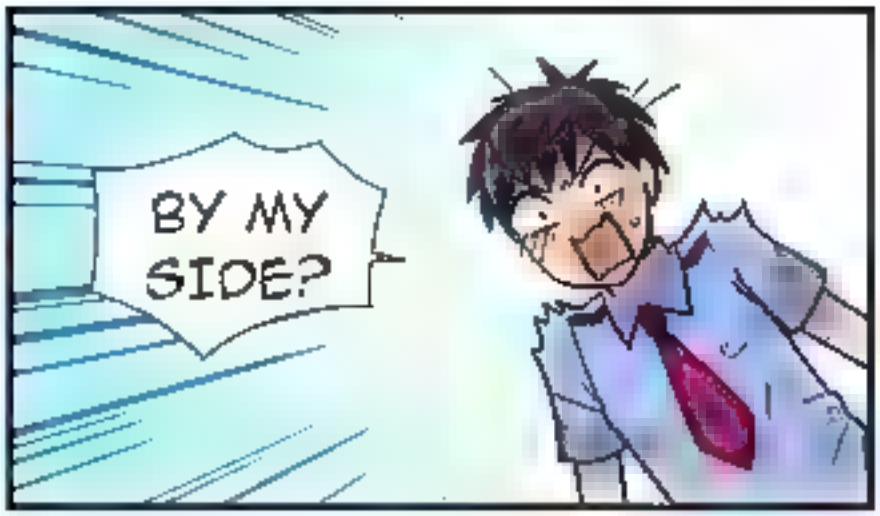


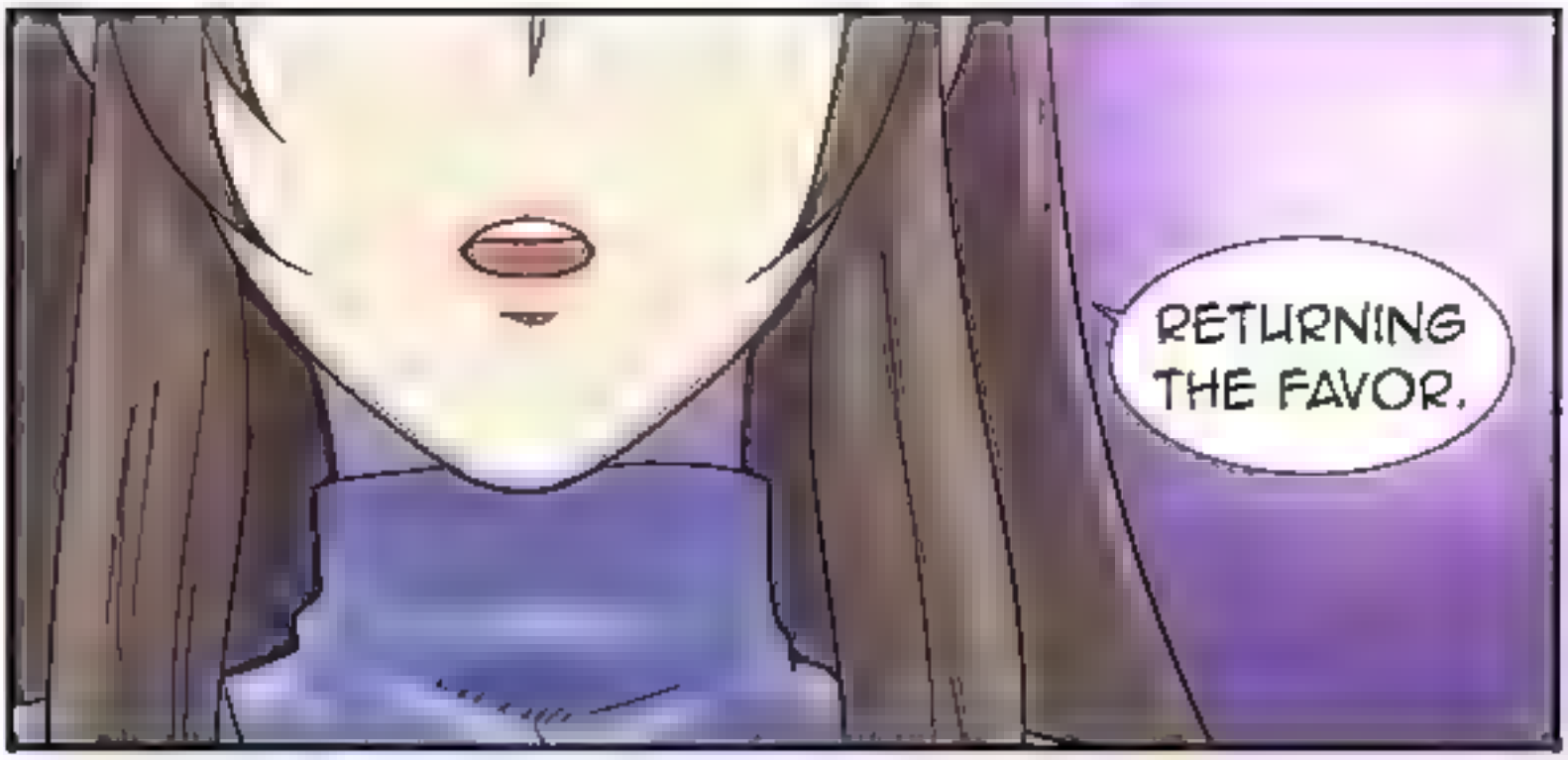
SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO SUFFER ANYMORE.
BESIDES, I CAN'T BE HAPPIER THAT I WAS ABLE TO HELP HER TO LIVE A HEALTHY LIFE.


THEN...
WILL YOU BE LIVING AN ORDINARY LIFE LIKE OTHERS? OR ARE YOU MOVING?
NO, I'M NOT MOVING. I'M STAYING HERE.

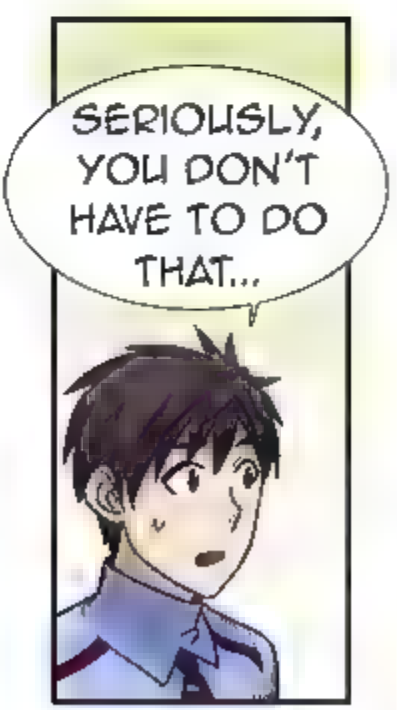

REALLY?


YES, I'LL BE BY JIHAN'S SIDE.
WHAT?

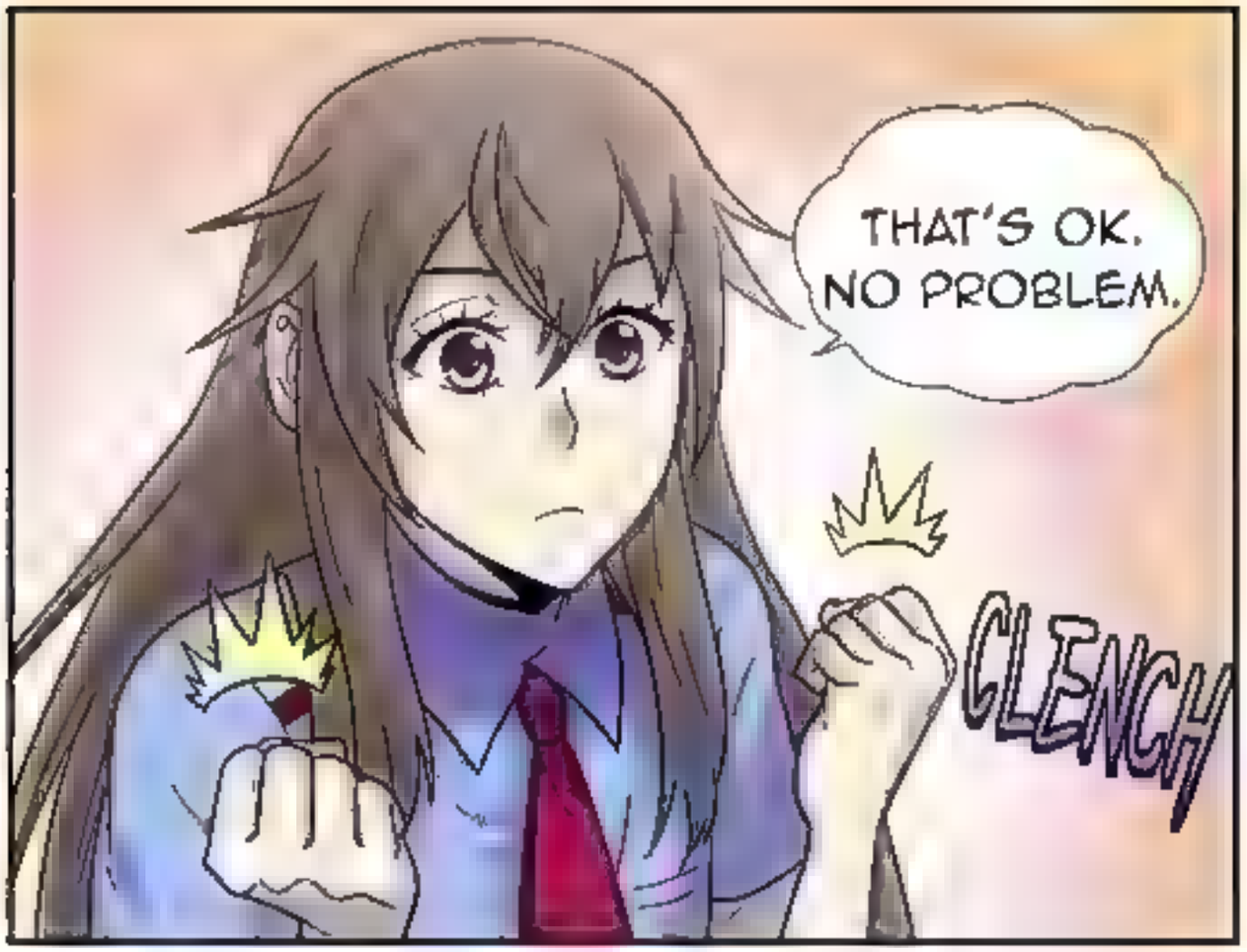

BY MY SIDE?


RETURNING THE FAVOR.

NO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT...
BUT I WANT TO.
SO,
I'LL RETURN THE FAVOR.


SERIOUSLY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT...

I'VE ALREADY DECIDED.
YOU CAN'T STOP ME.
HEY, I'M THE ONE YOU'RE RETURNING THE FAVOR TO.


THAT'S OK.
NO PROBLEM.
CLENCH

SO...

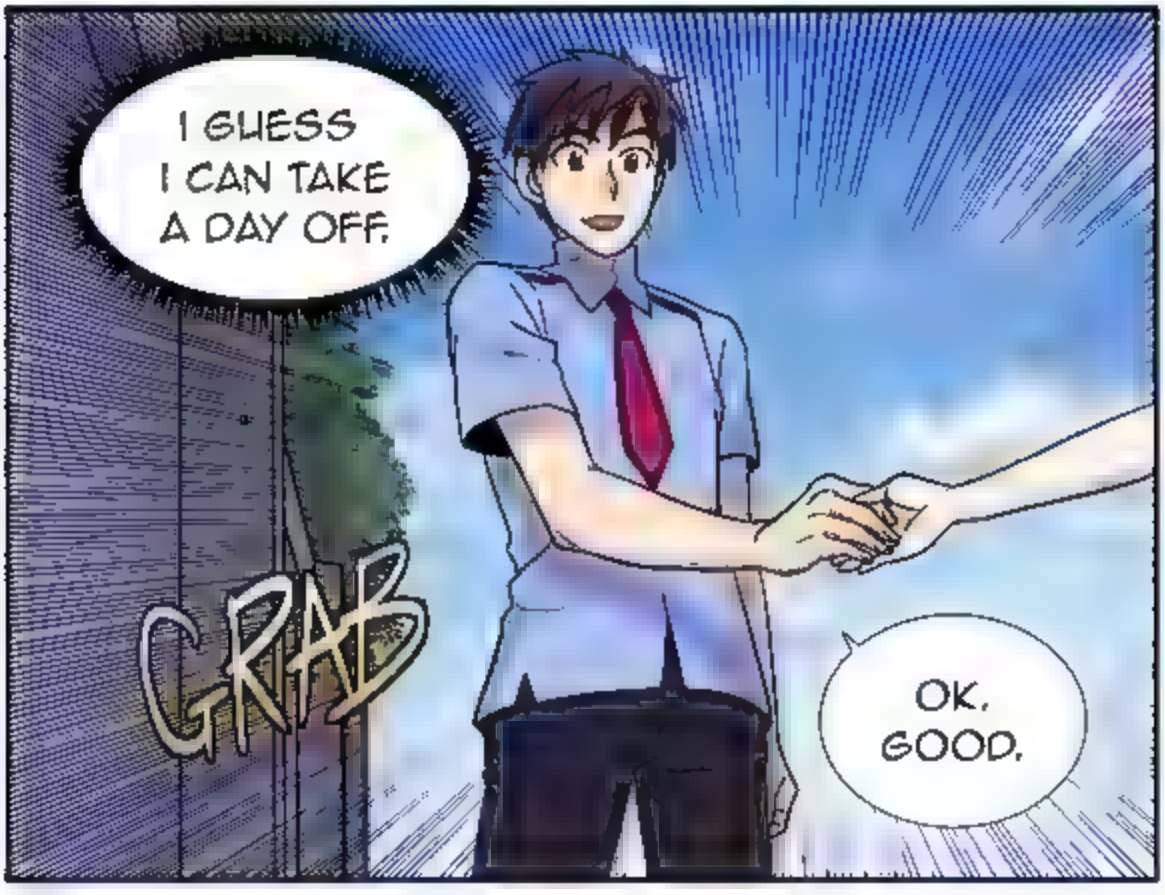
HOW ARE YOU GONNA RETURN THE FAVOR?

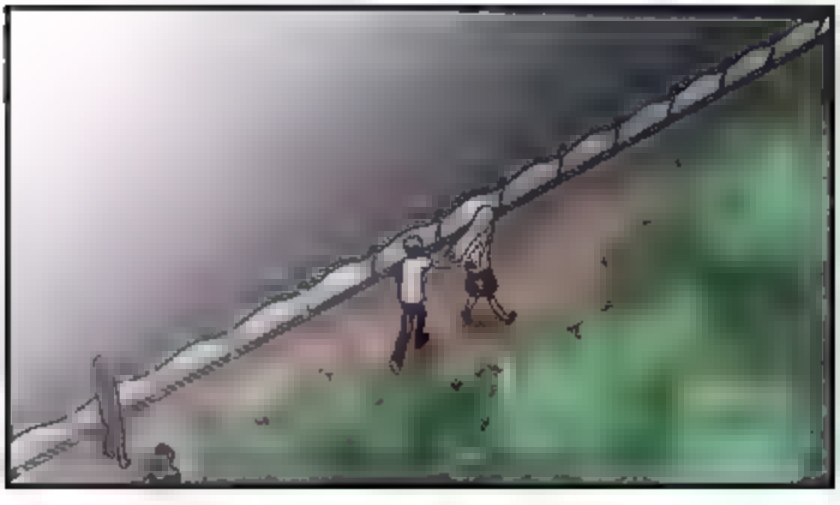
JUST COME WITH ME FOR NOW..
REACH

TO WHERE?
DON'T ASK, JUST FOLLOW ME.

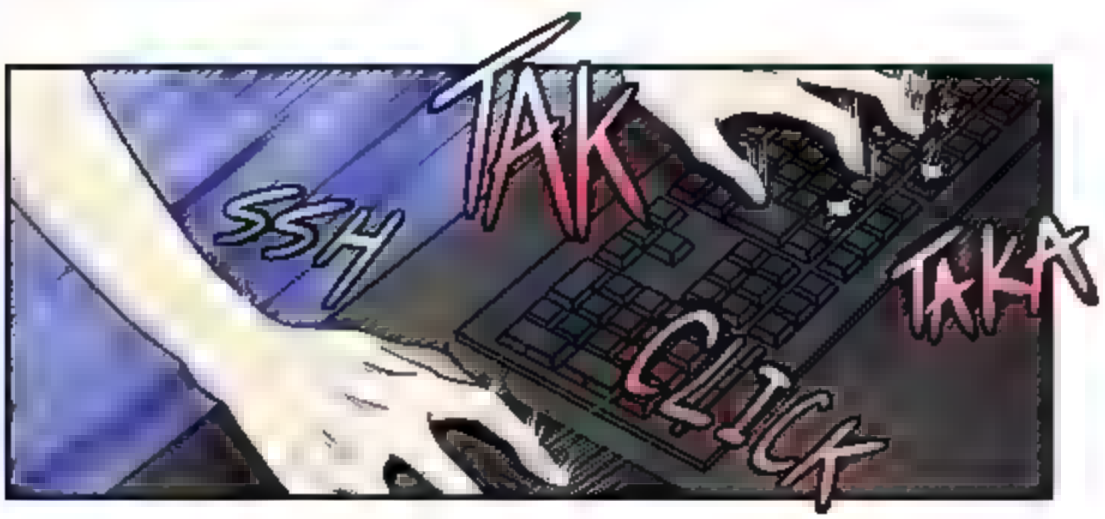
HMM...

I'VE GOT LOTS OF WORK TO DO...
BUT.


I GUESS I CAN TAKE A DAY OFF.
GRAB
OK. GOOD.

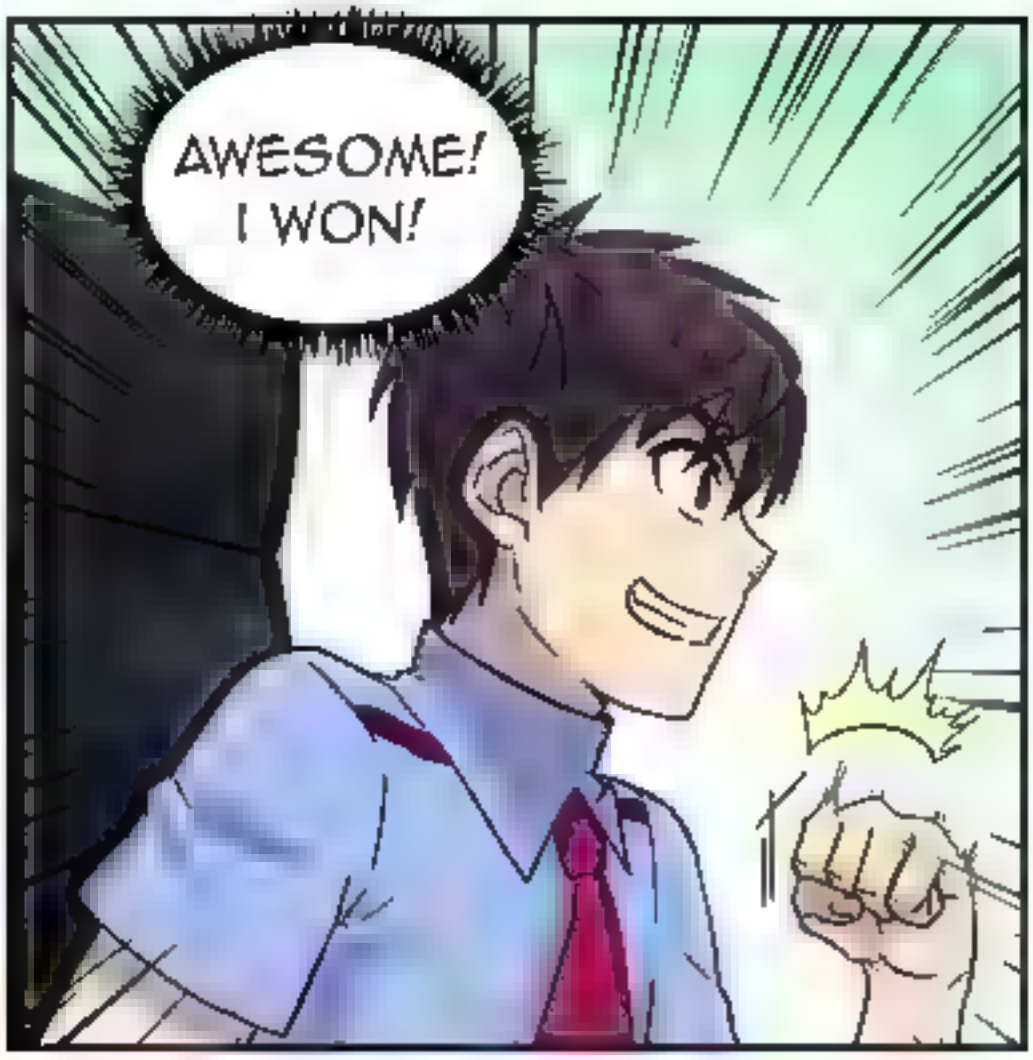


THE GAMER

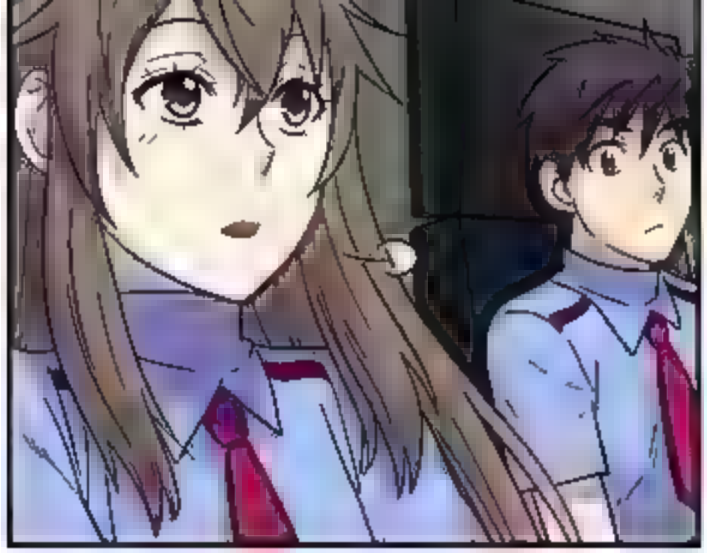


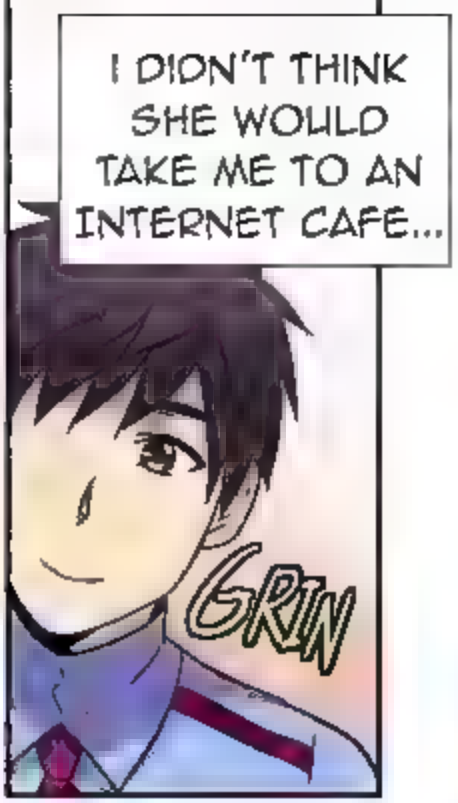
YOU'VE GOT TO PUT CC THERE.
GOOD JOB.
STEP BACK.
YOU'RE GOOD, SEONG-A...
TAKA
HEHEHEH. MY MOUSE IS ON FIRE!
TAKA
TAKA
TAKA
TAKA
HAHA. YOU'RE GOOD TOO, JIHAN.

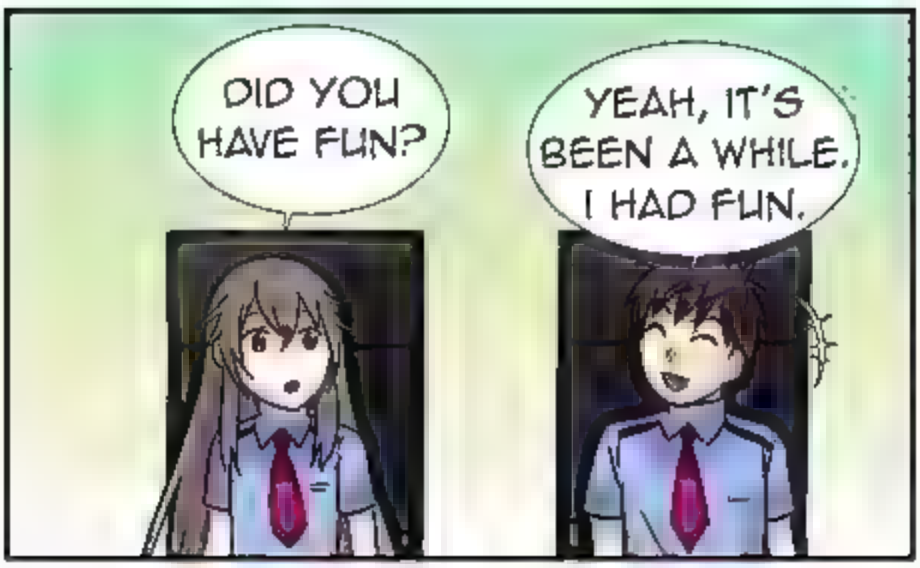
QUADRA KILL!
AGGRESSIVE
SEONG-A IS
DOMINATING.


AWESOME!
I WON!

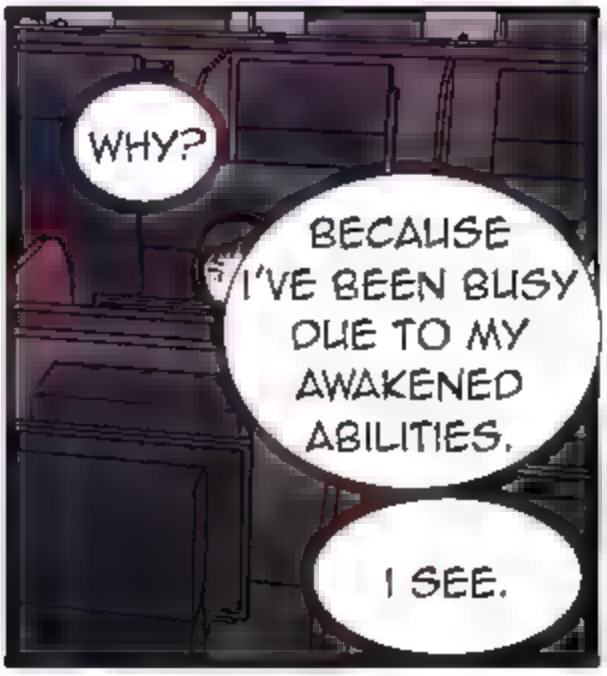
HA...
THAT WAS
FUN.



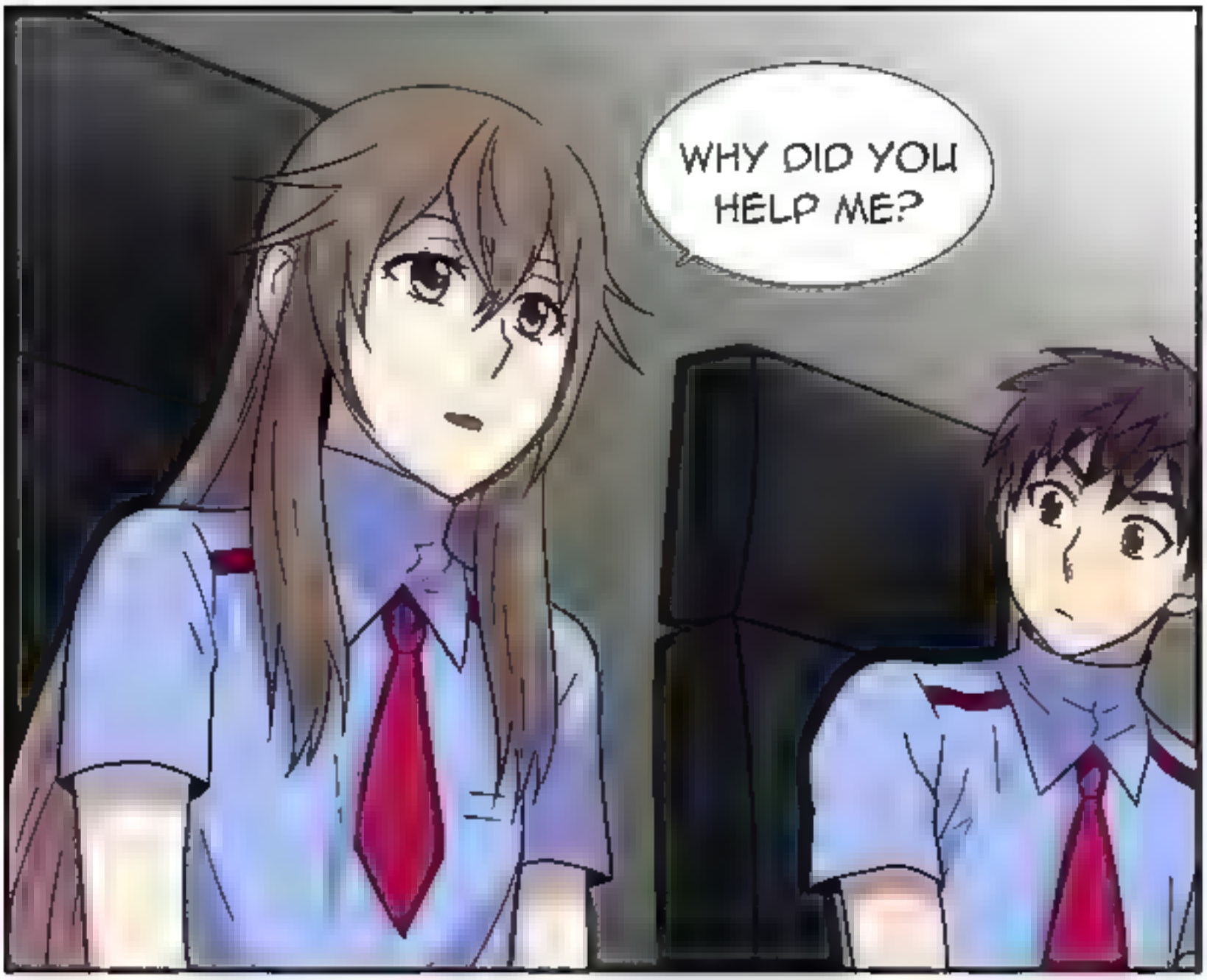

I DIDN'T THINK SHE WOULD TAKE ME TO AN INTERNET CAFE...
GRIN


DID YOU HAVE FUN?
YEAH, IT'S BEEN A WHILE. I HAD FUN.

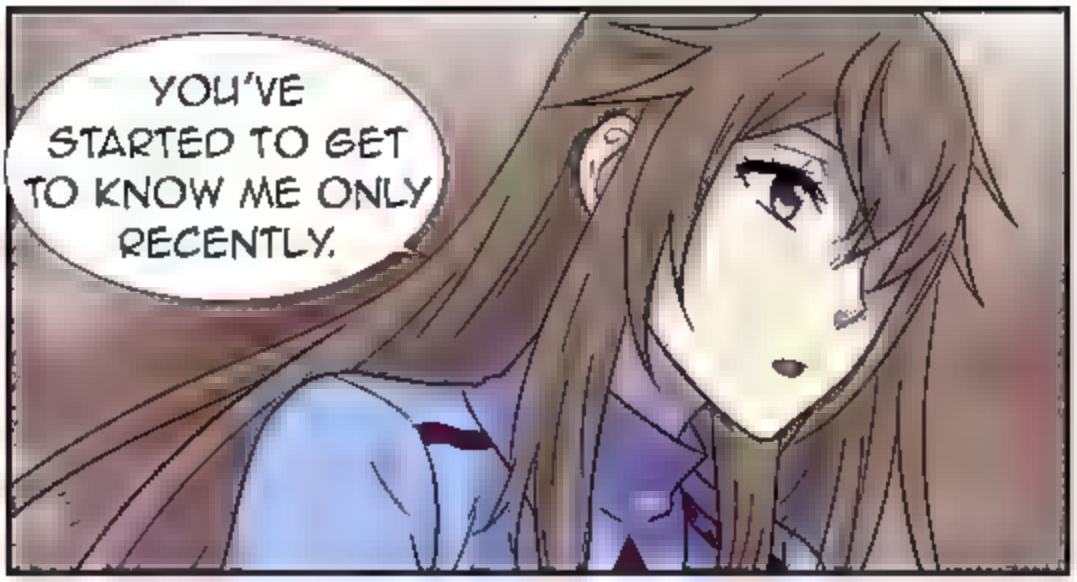
I COULDN'T PLAY THIS... FOR THREE MONTHS.


WHY?
BECAUSE I'VE BEEN BUSY DUE TO MY AWAKENED ABILITIES.
I SEE.

JIHAN, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU.


WHY DID YOU HELP ME?

WHY DID I HELP YOU?
YES.

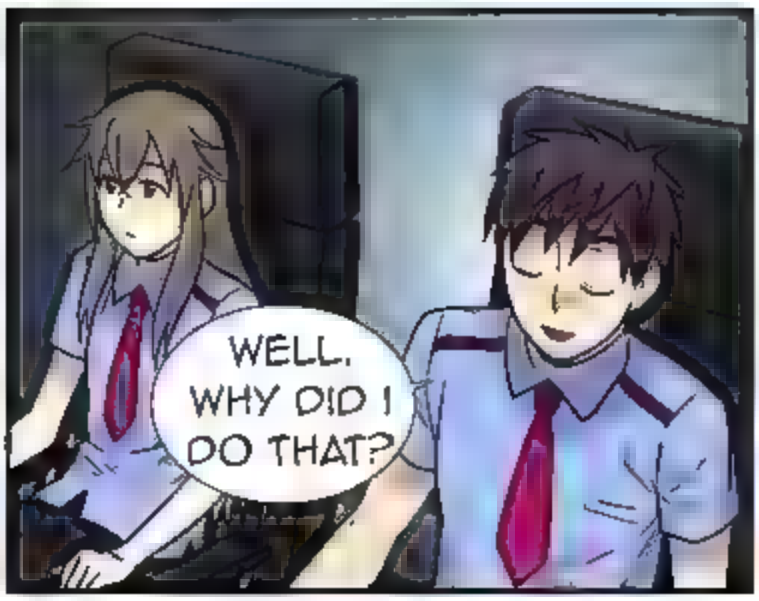

YOU'VE STARTED TO GET TO KNOW ME ONLY RECENTLY.

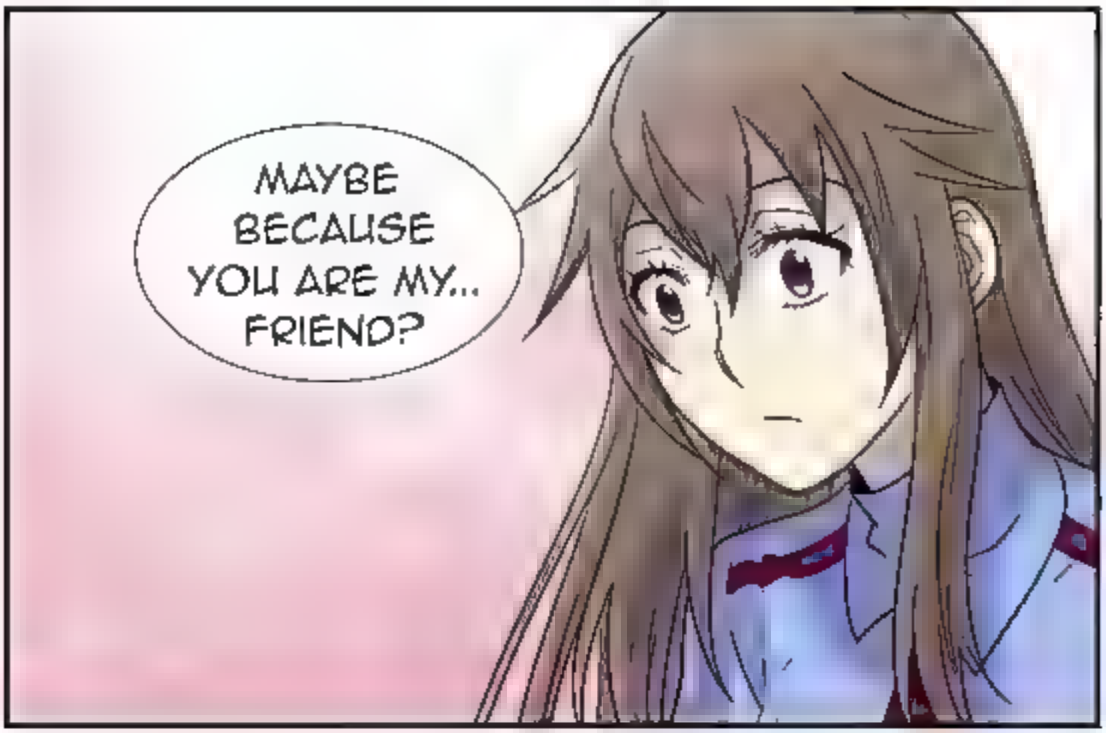
I WASN'T IMPORTANT TO YOU.

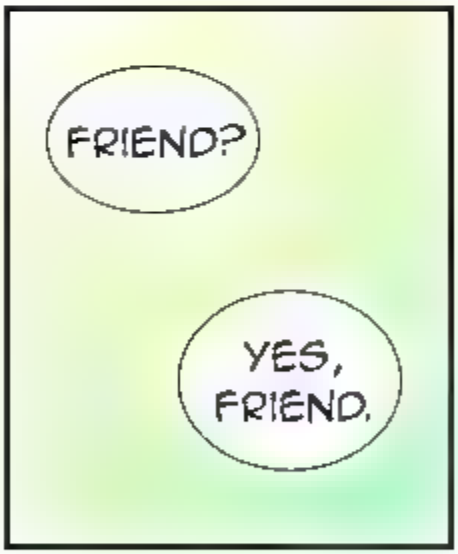
I WAS JUST YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.

SO THEN, WHY DID YOU HELP ME?

GRIN


WELL. WHY DID I DO THAT?


MAYBE BECAUSE YOU ARE MY... FRIEND?

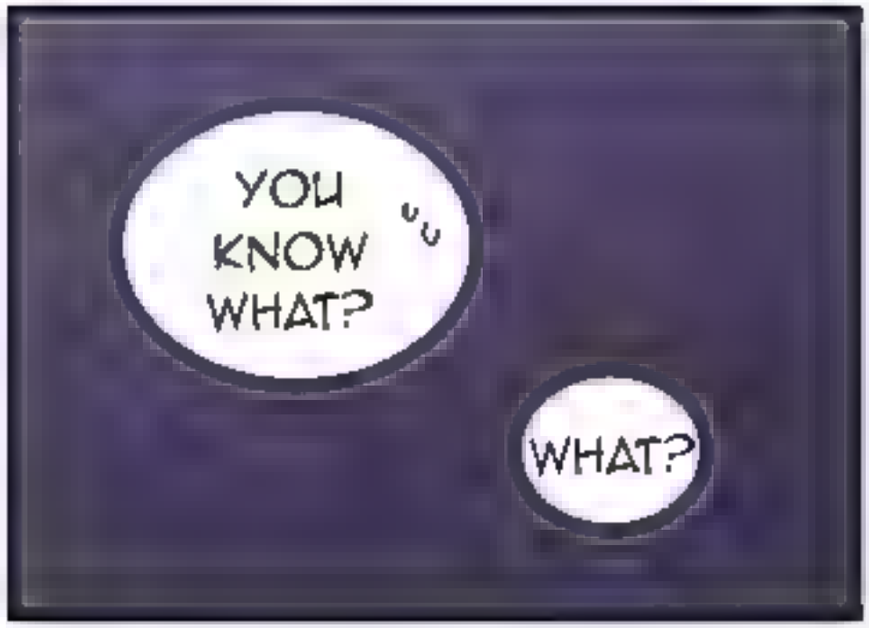

FRIEND?
YES, FRIEND.

FRIENDS... DO THEY HELP EACH OTHER RISKING THEIR LIVES?
WEREN'T YOU SCARED?

UMM...
IT WAS KIND OF SCARY.

BUT I STILL WANTED TO HELP YOU...
THAT'S ALL.

PHAT


YOU KNOW WHAT?
WHAT?

IS THIS YOU RETURNING THE FAVOR?

YES.

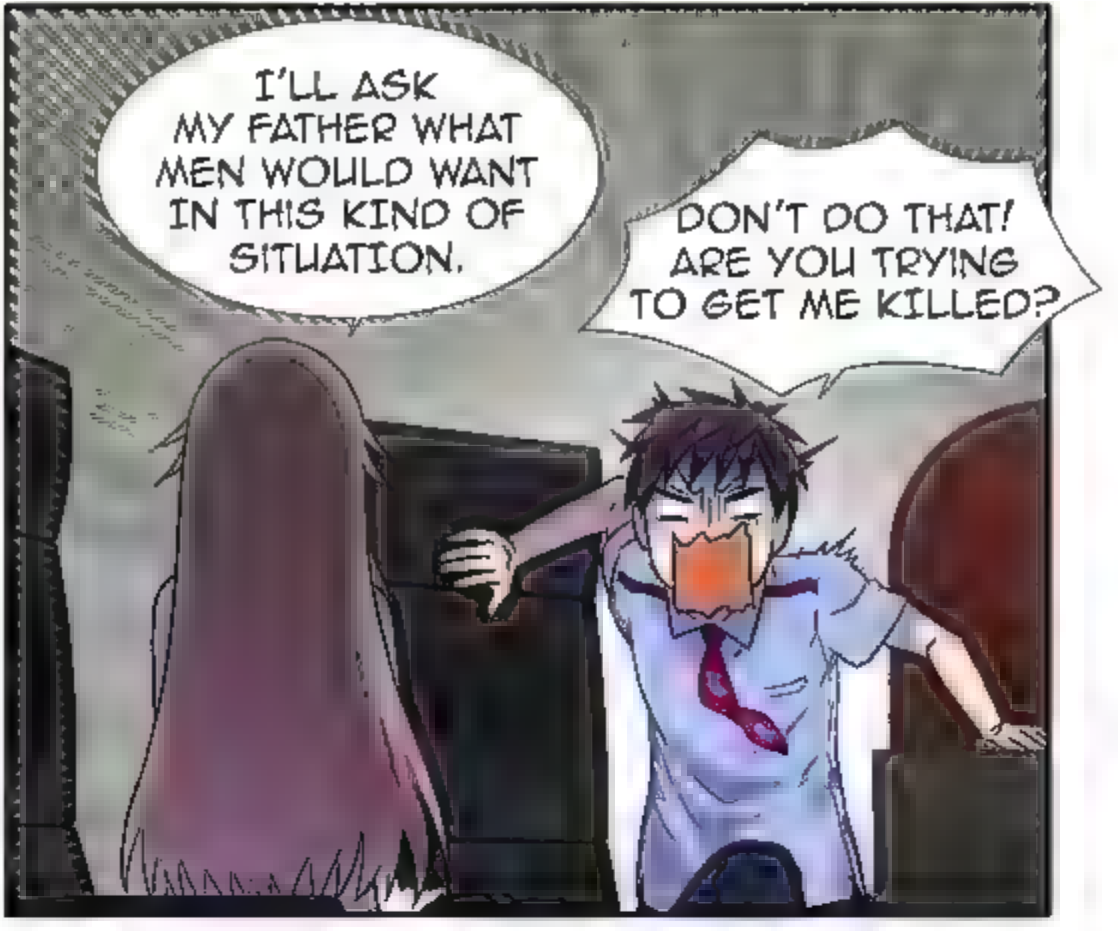
I SEE.

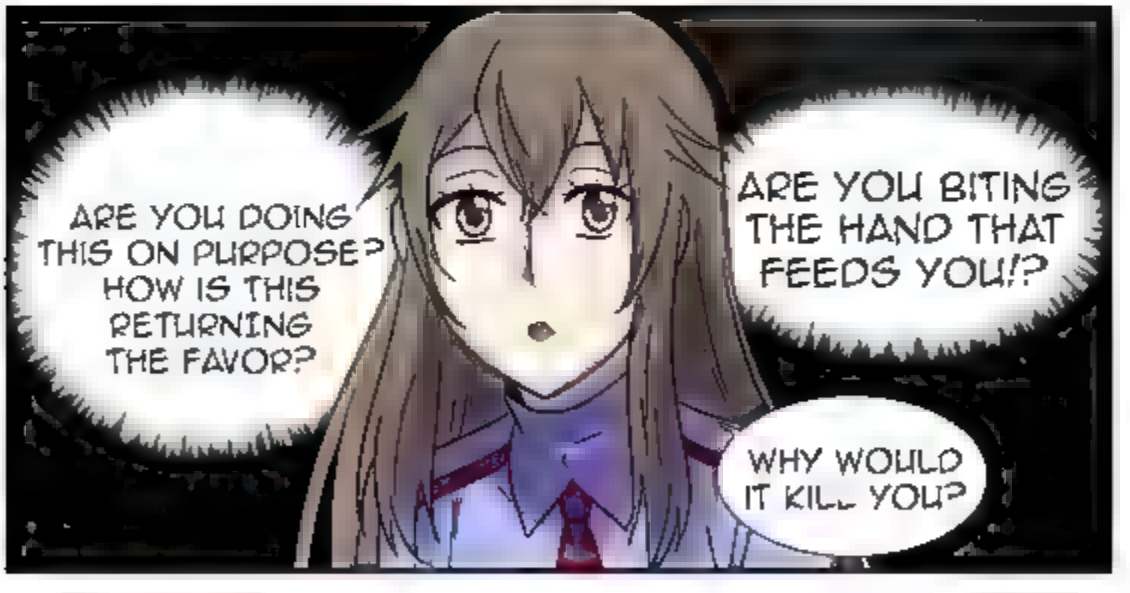
WHY?
DID YOU EXPECT
SOMETHING
ELSE?

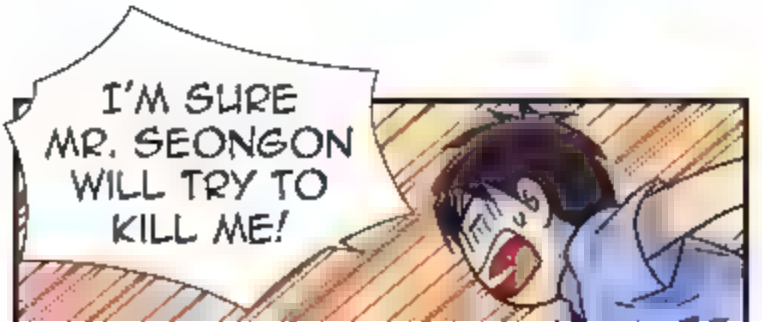
EXPECT?
N-NO,
I DIDN'T EXPECT
ANYTHING.

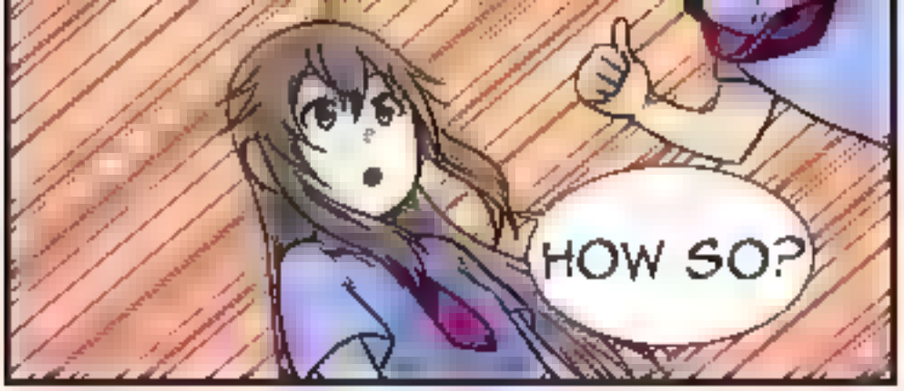
I DON'T BUY IT.
COME ON. I'M SERIOUS. I DIDN'T EXPECT ANYTHING.

OF COURSE. WHAT WOULD I HAVE EXPECTED WHEN I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I EXPECTED?
I NEVER EXPECTED ANYTHING ELSE! SWEAR ON MY LIFE!


I'LL ASK MY FATHER WHAT MEN WOULD WANT IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION.
DON'T DO THAT! ARE YOU TRYING TO GET ME KILLED?


ARE YOU DOING THIS ON PURPOSE? HOW IS THIS RETURNING THE FAVOR?
ARE YOU BITING THE HAND THAT FEEDS YOU!?
WHY WOULD IT KILL YOU?


I'M SURE MR. SEONGON WILL TRY TO KILL ME!


HOW SO?

SHAKE

BASED ON THE FACT THAT YOU DON'T KNOW WHY, YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW!

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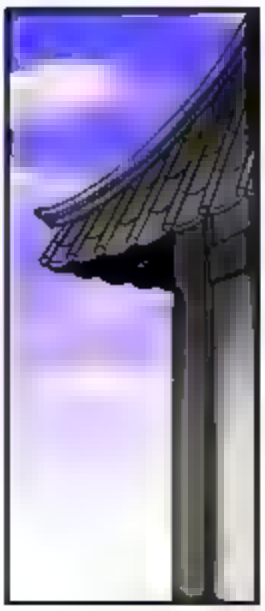
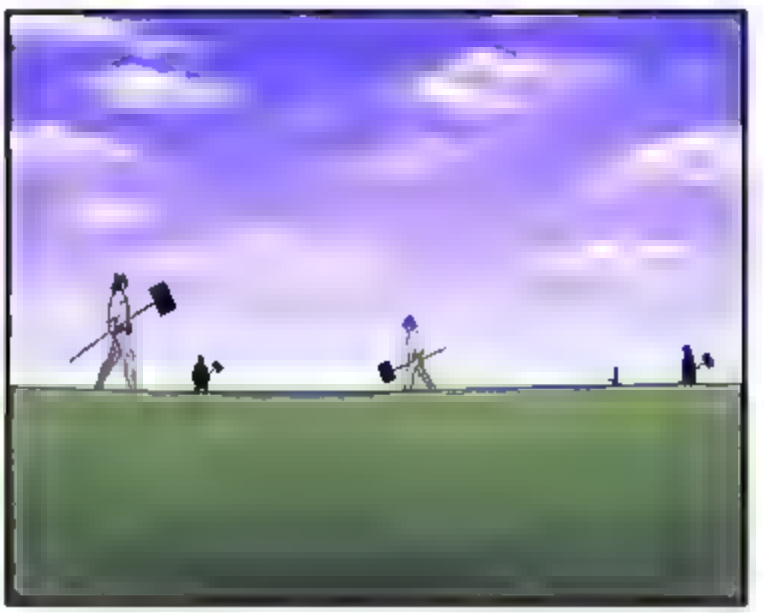
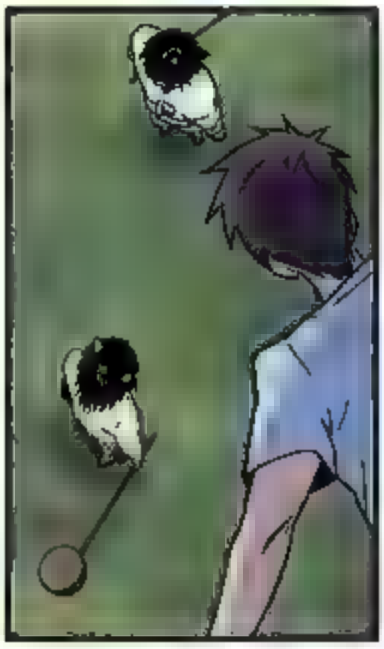
ILLUST BY SANG-A

<SHOULD I SET A MEETING BETWEEN MEN IN A DUNGEON?>







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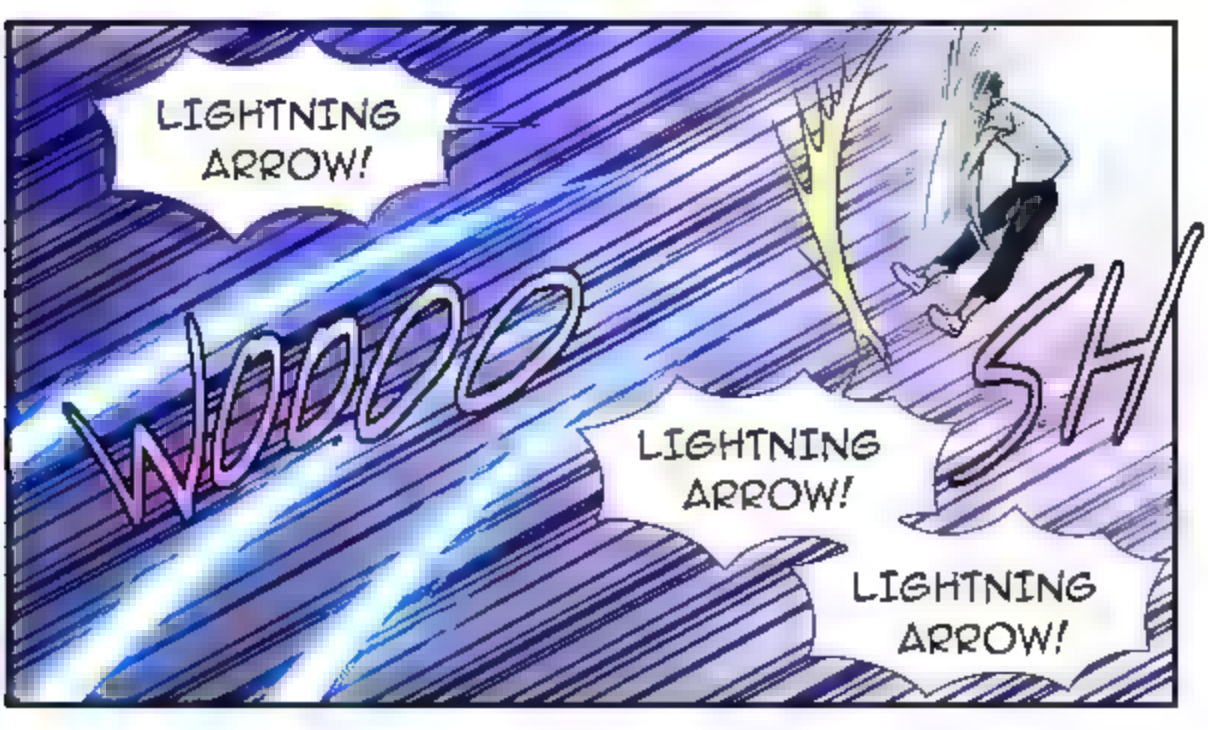
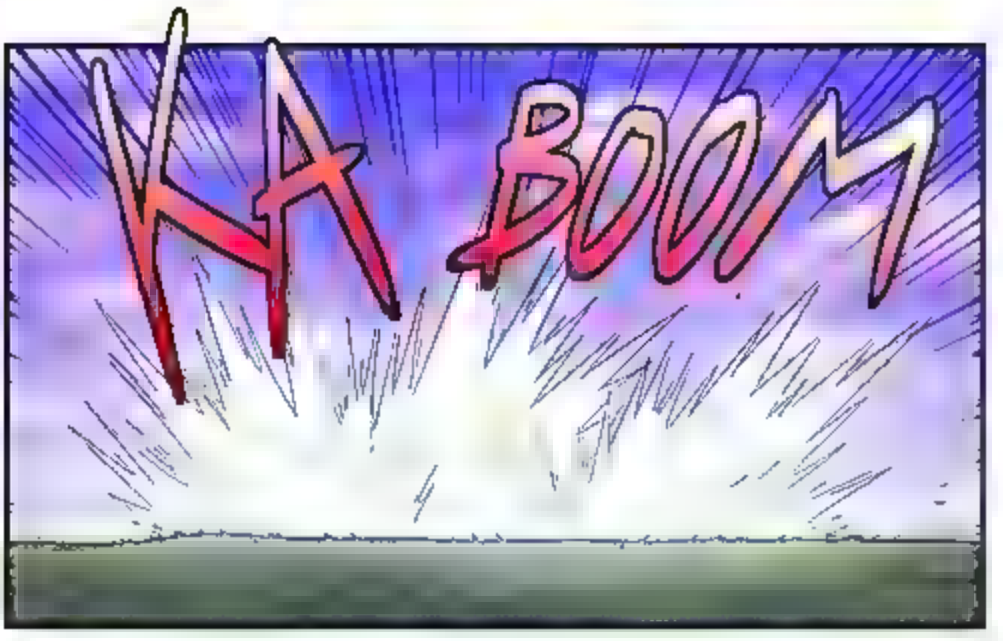
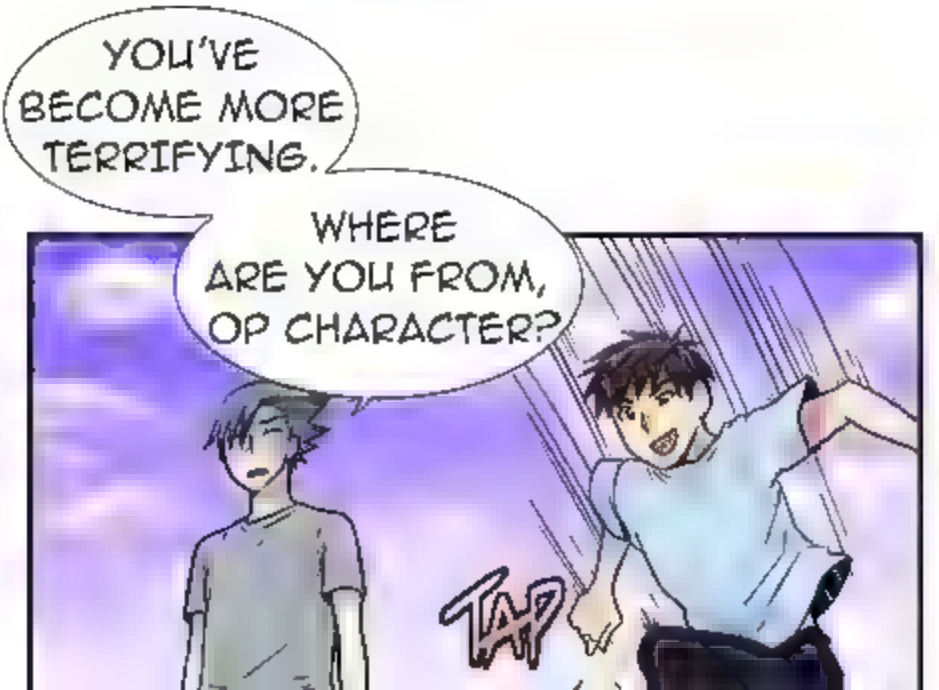

LIGHTNING ARROW!
WOOOO
LIGHTNING ARROW!
SH
LIGHTNING ARROW!


KA BOOM

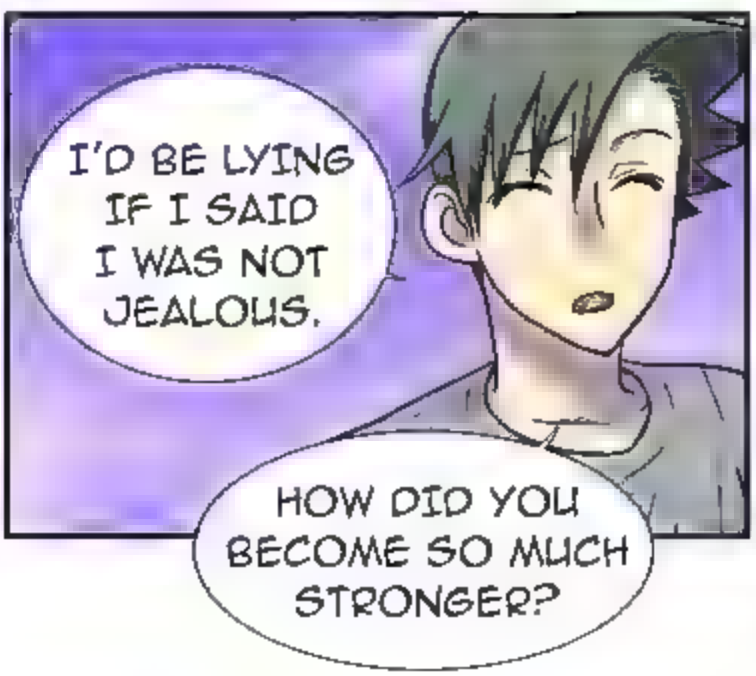
WHOA...
PSSSH

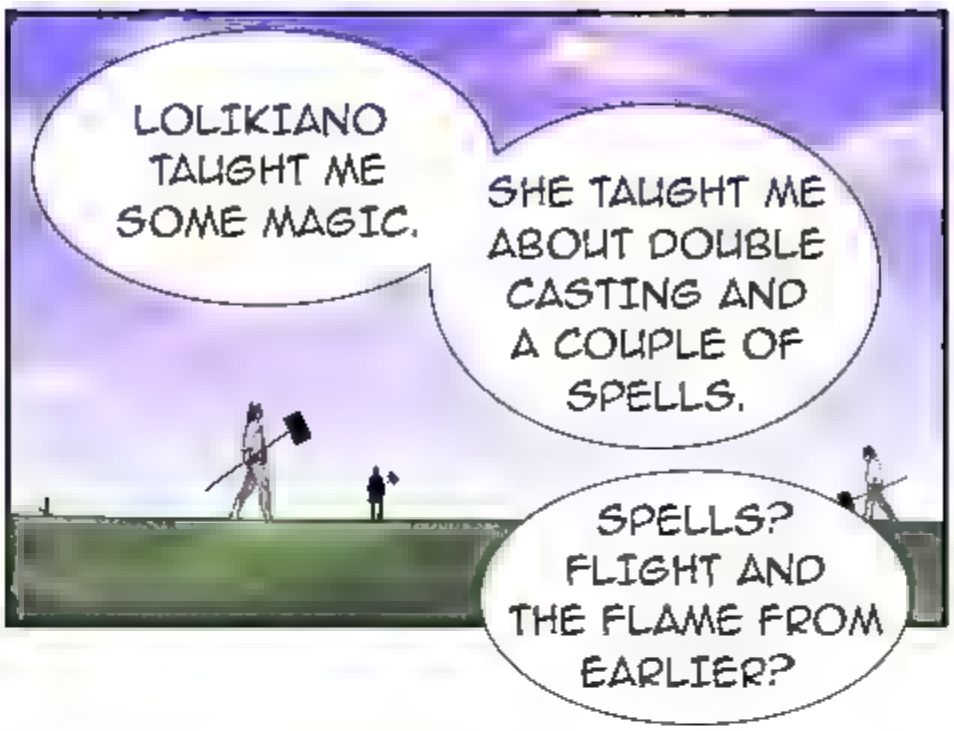

YOU'VE BECOME MORE TERRIFYING.
WHERE ARE YOU FROM, OP CHARACTER?
TAP

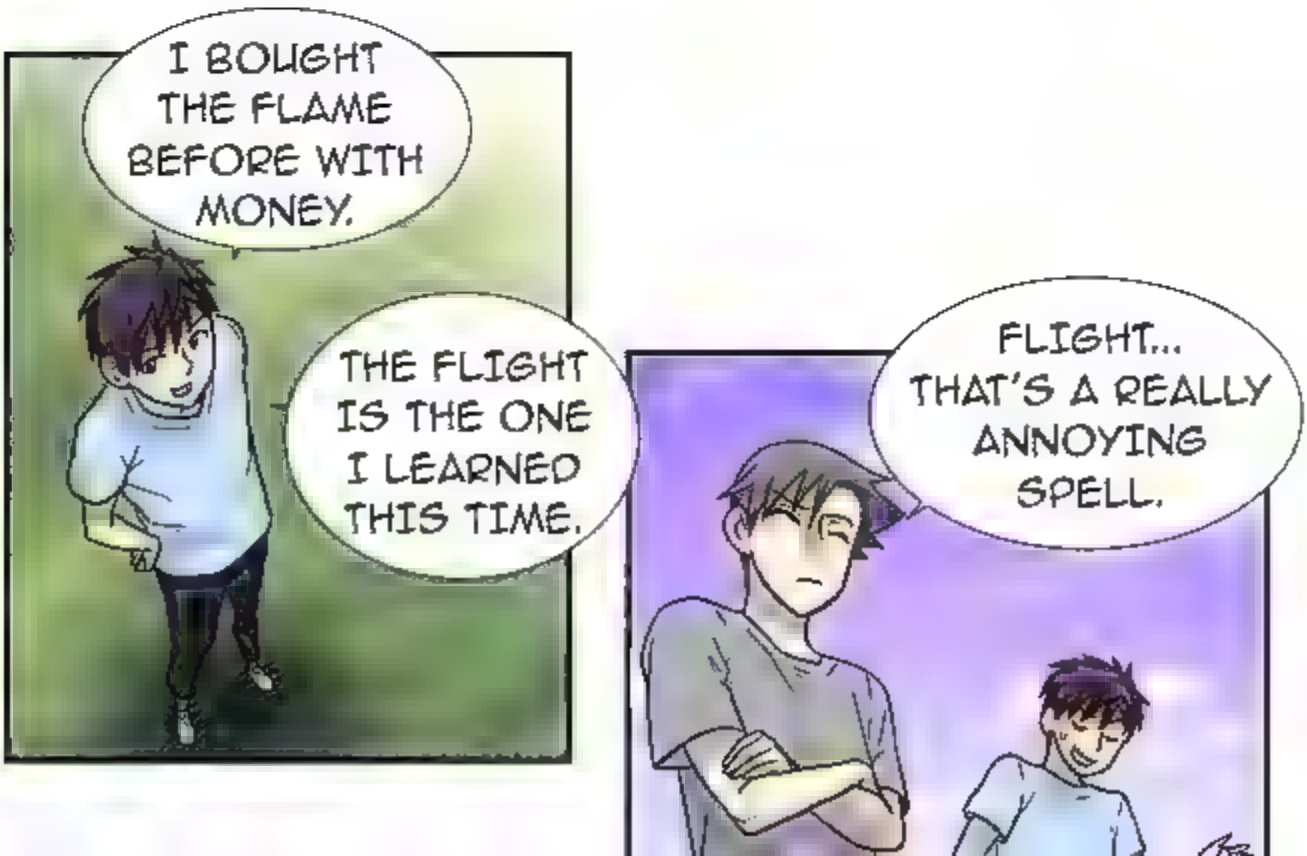
HAHA.
NOW YOU KNOW
HOW GREAT
I AM?

FROM NOW ON,
CALL ME ROYALTY,
INSTEAD OF
NOBILITY.
I'M THE
SUPER HERO
WHO CAN HEAL,
MAKE MEDS, AND
DO DAMAGE!
STOP
CHATTERING
LIKE A
CHIPMUNK.

HAHA.
AREN'T YOU
JEALOUS?


I'D BE LYING
IF I SAID
I WAS NOT
JEALOUS.
HOW DID YOU
BECOME SO MUCH
STRONGER?


LOLIKIANO TAUGHT ME SOME MAGIC.
SHE TAUGHT ME ABOUT DOUBLE CASTING AND A COUPLE OF SPELLS.
SPELLS? FLIGHT AND THE FLAME FROM EARLIER?

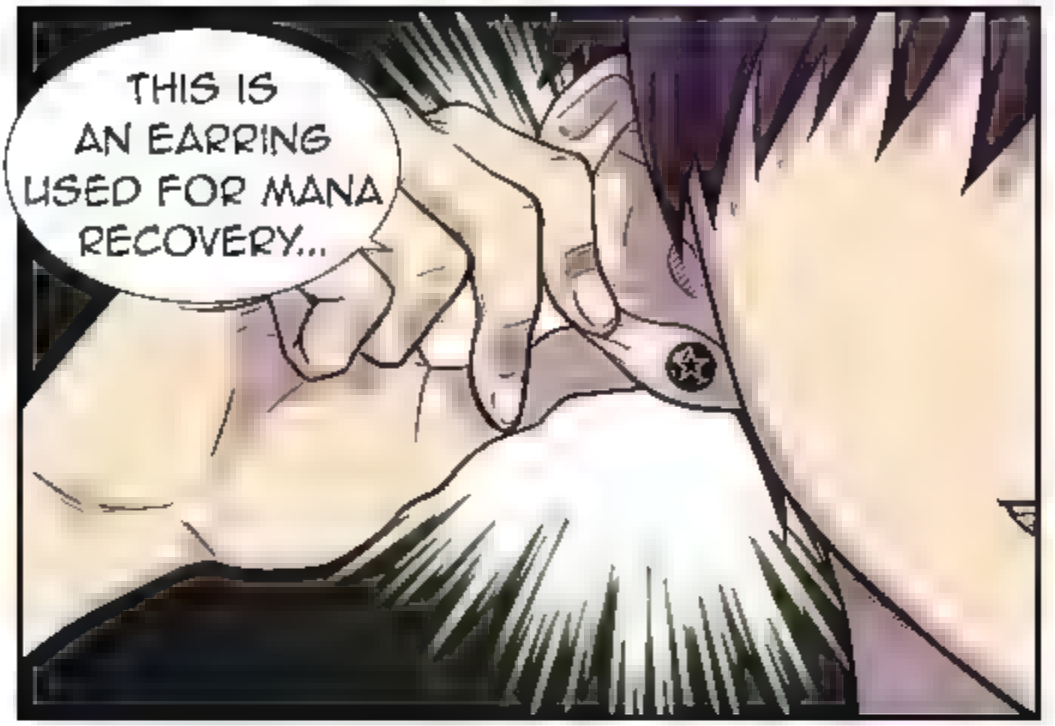

I BOUGHT THE FLAME BEFORE WITH MONEY.
THE FLIGHT IS THE ONE I LEARNED THIS TIME.
FLIGHT... THAT'S A REALLY ANNOYING SPELL.

RIGHT? IT'S LIKE CHEATING BECAUSE IT LETS ME FLY.

WELL... THERE ARE STILL WAYS TO DEAL WITH IT THOUGH.
BUT I'M SURE THAT IT'S AN ANNOYING AND DANGEROUS MAGIC.

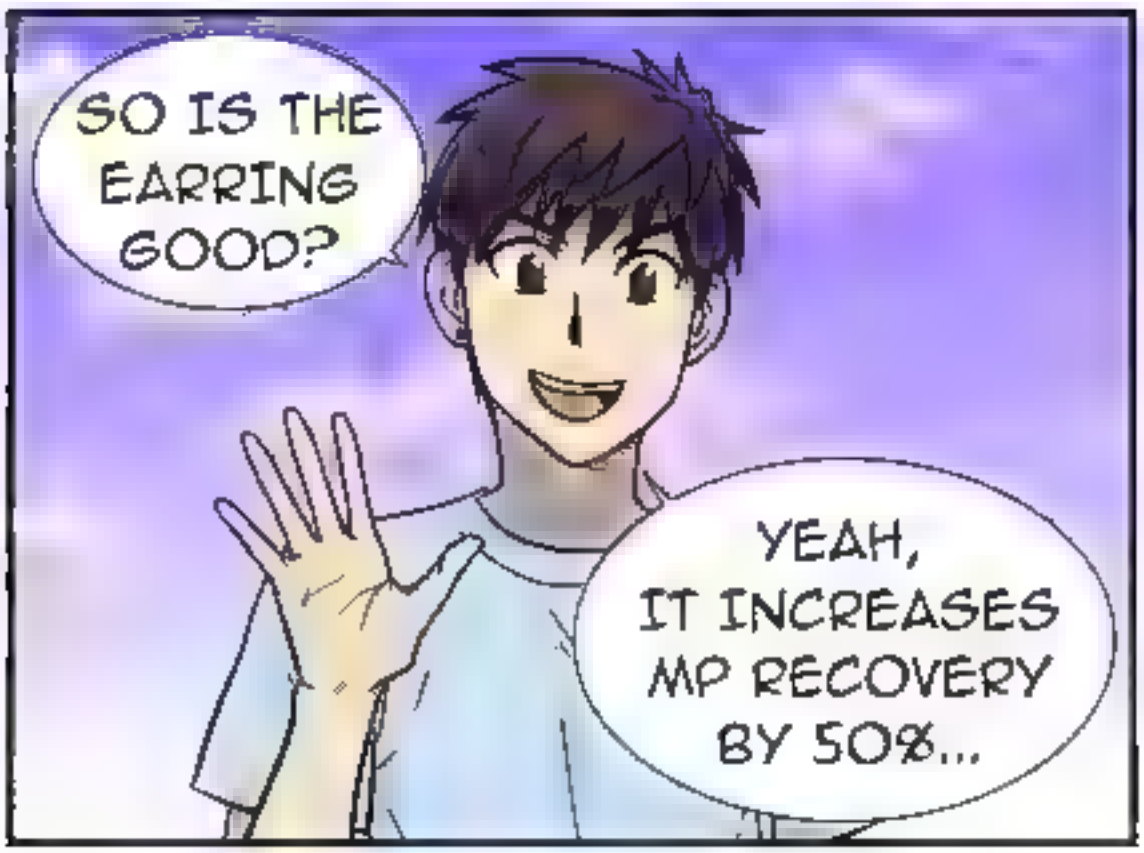
I HEARD IT USES A HUGE AMOUNT OF MANA. CAN YOU HANDLE IT?
YES, I CAN. BECAUSE OF THAT, I'M BROKE.

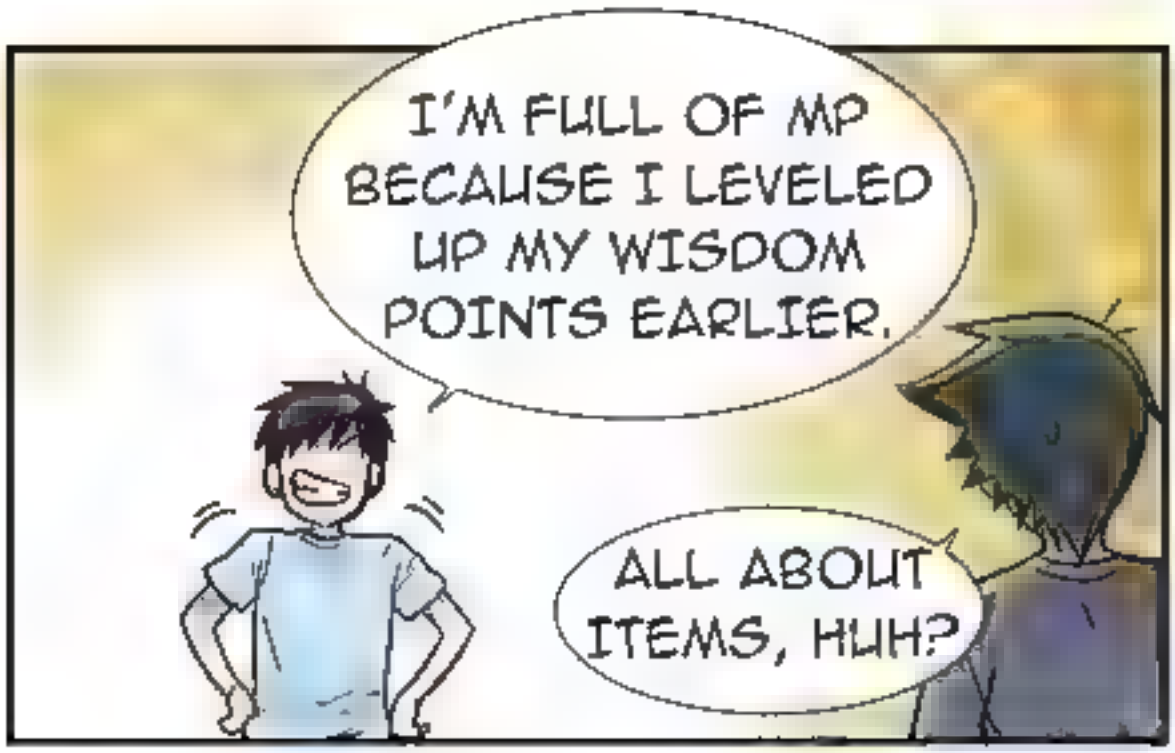
WHAT? DID YOU SPEND MONEY?
YES.


THIS IS AN EARRING USED FOR MANA RECOVERY...

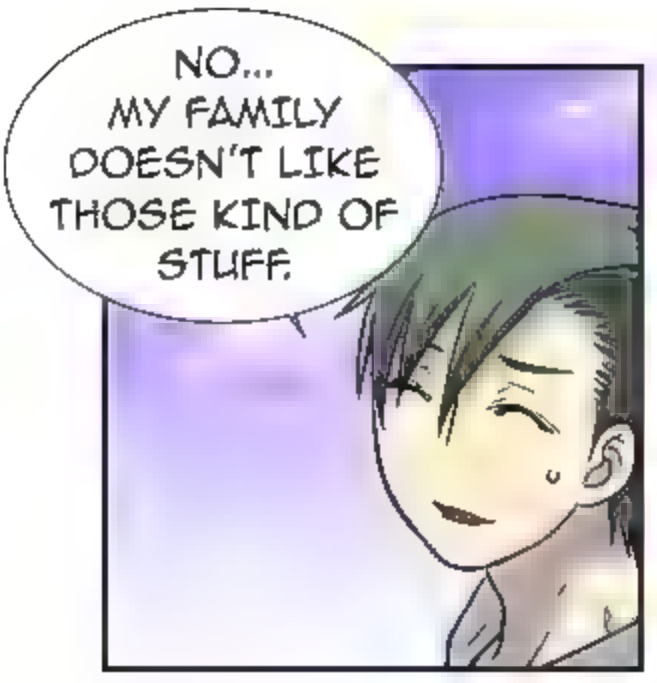
I HEARD THAT THIS EARRING ATTRACTS MANA AROUND IT AND SENDS IT TO YOU BODY THROUGH THE EAR.

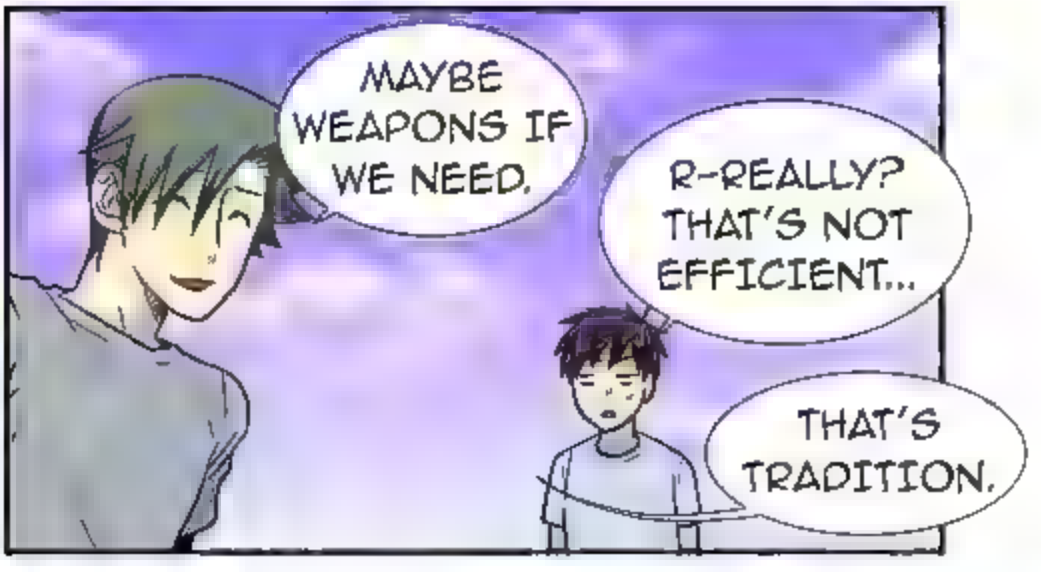
BUT IT'S DAMN EXPENSIVE. IT COST 50 MILLION WON.
WELL... 50 MILLION WON ISN'T THAT MUCH IN THE ABYSS.
GREAT ITEMS COST TENS OF BILLIONS.
R-REALLY?
WHY DO THE ITEMS COST SO MUCH IN THE ABYSS?

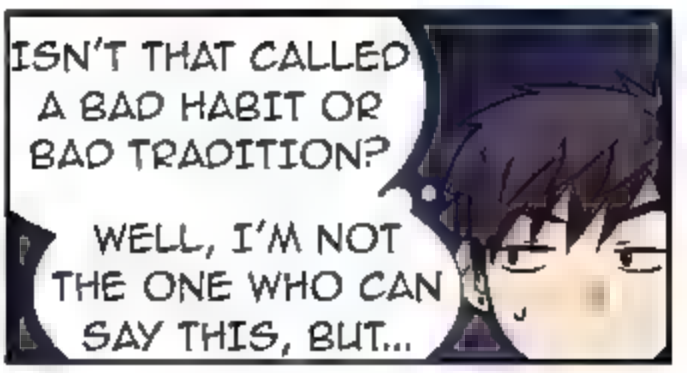

SO IS THE EARRING GOOD?
YEAH, IT INCREASES MP RECOVERY BY 50%...


I'M FULL OF MP BECAUSE I LEVELED UP MY WISDOM POINTS EARLIER.
ALL ABOUT ITEMS, HUH?

I DON'T THINK I NEED TO INTRODUCE YOU TO A MAGIC INSTRUCTOR.
YOU KNOW GAMES ARE ALL ABOUT ITEMS, DON'T YOU?
AND YES, I DON'T THINK I NEED A NEW INSTRUCTOR. LOLIKIANO WILL TEACH ME.
I KNOW BUT...
HA... THE WORLD IS SO UNFAIR.
GET SOME ITEMS.


NO...
MY FAMILY DOESN'T LIKE THOSE KIND OF STUFF.

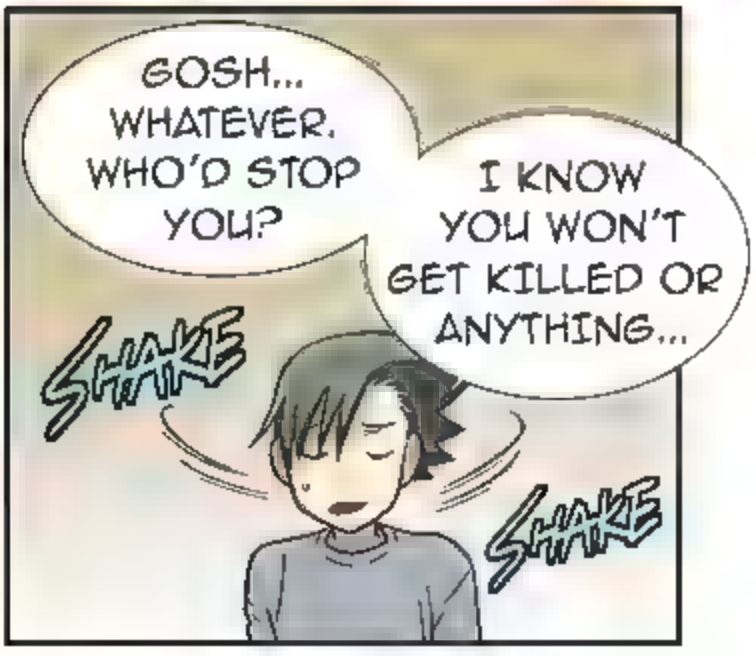

MAYBE WEAPONS IF WE NEED.
R-REALLY? THAT'S NOT EFFICIENT...
THAT'S TRADITION.

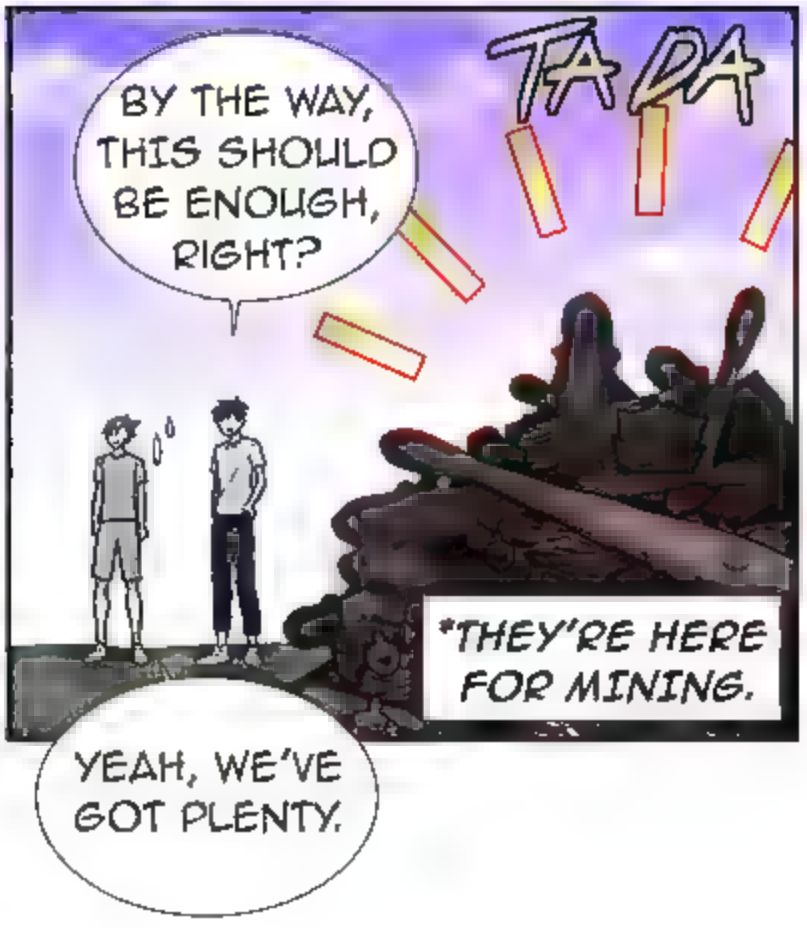

ISN'T THAT CALLED A BAD HABIT OR BAD TRADITION?
WELL, I'M NOT THE ONE WHO CAN SAY THIS, BUT...

ANYWAY...

I'LL BECOME A CHARGING WARRIOR.
GEEZ...

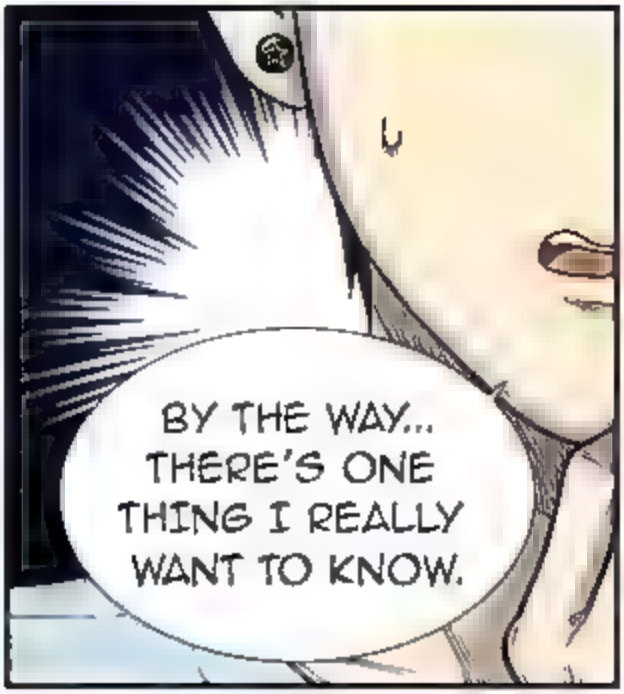
ARE YOU JUST SPENDING MONEY LIKE THAT BECAUSE YOU MAKE SO MUCH MONEY?
THAT'S HOW I CAN BECOME STRONGER QUICKLY.


GOSH... WHATEVER. WHO'D STOP YOU?
I KNOW YOU WON'T GET KILLED OR ANYTHING...
SHAKE
SHAKE

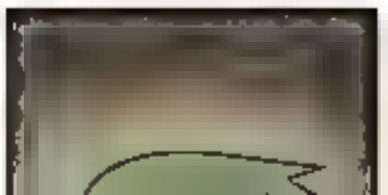

BY THE WAY, THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH, RIGHT?
TADA
*THEY'RE HERE FOR MINING.
YEAH, WE'VE GOT PLENTY.

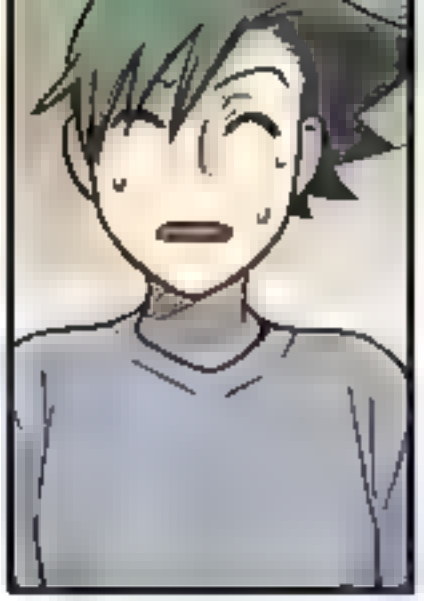
ANYWAY... GETTING ACTUAL CASH IS TOTALLY CRAZY.
IT'S YOUR ABILITY, BUT IT'S STILL CRAZY.

I KNOW.

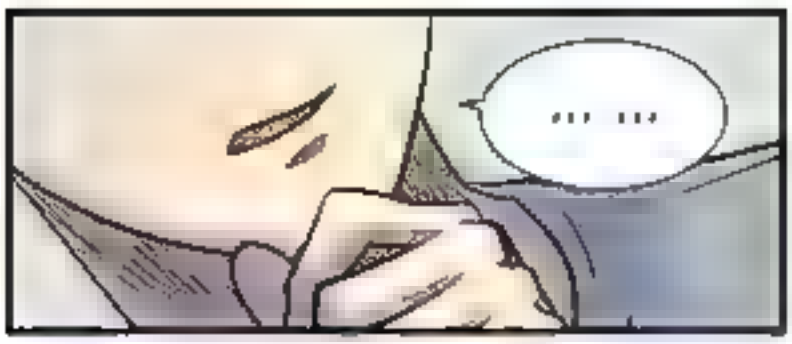

BY THE WAY... THERE'S ONE THING I REALLY WANT TO KNOW.

WOULD I GET DOLLARS IF I WENT TO THE USA, CREATED DUNGEONS, AND HUNTED?





GOOD QUESTION. WHAT MONEY WILL THEY GIVE YOU?
RIGHT? AREN'T YOU CURIOUS?


... ...

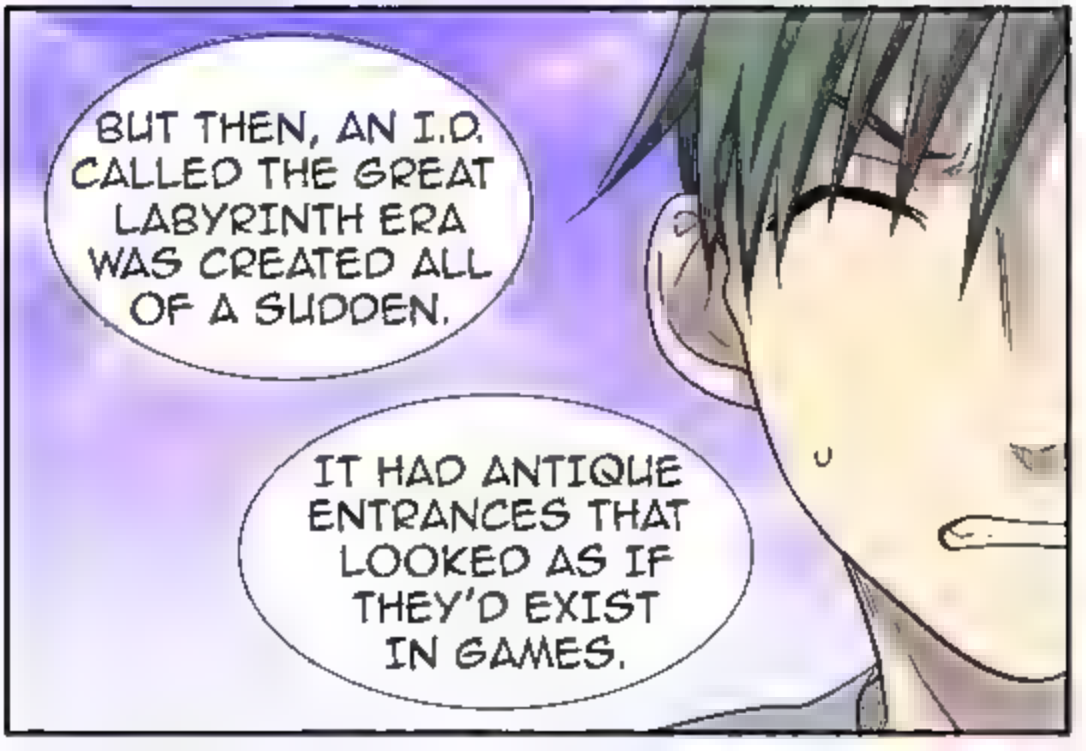
BUT,
YOU MIGHT DIE IF YOU WENT ABROAD AT YOUR LEVEL.
SO THINK ABOUT IT WHEN YOU BECOME STRONGER.
Y-YEAH?

KOREA IS A RELATIVELY SAFER THAN OTHER COUNTRIES.
BUT THEN, WHY DID I GET ATTACKED ON THE STREETS IN A SUCH SAFE COUNTRY?

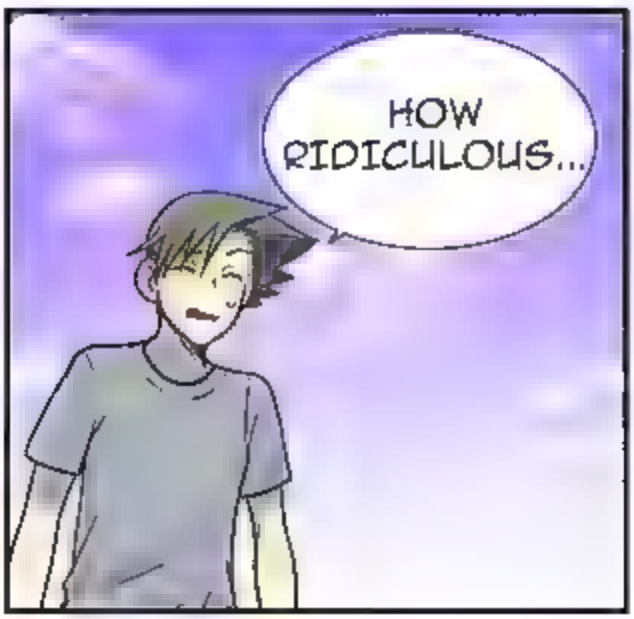
THEN LET'S CALL IT A DAY. THOSE ITEMS SHOULD BE ENOUGH.
OK.

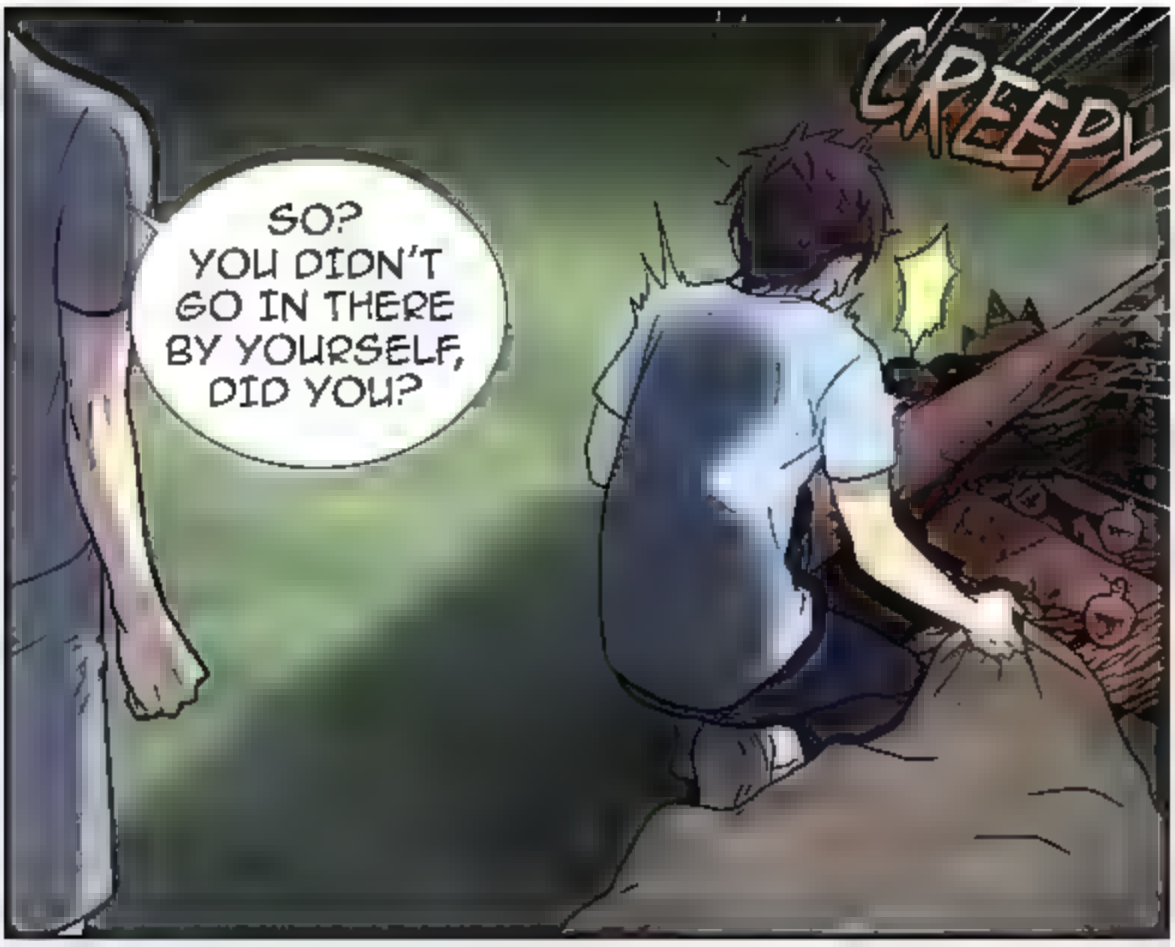
BY THE WAY, SUNIL.
UH?
I FOUND A STRANGE I.D. CALLED THE GREAT LABYRINTH ERA THE OTHER DAY.
WHAT?

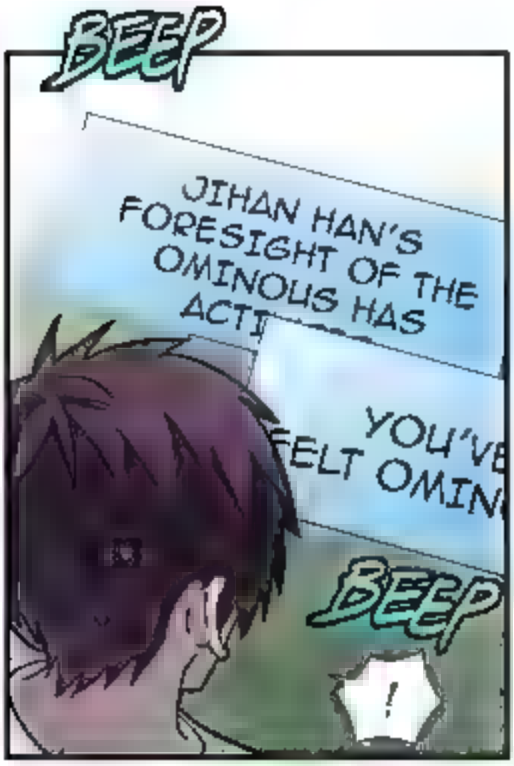
WELL, I MADE A PROTECTED SPACE BECAUSE I WANTED TO GET HOME QUICKLY.


BUT THEN, AN I.D. CALLED THE GREAT LABYRINTH ERA WAS CREATED ALL OF A SUDDEN.
IT HAD ANTIQUE ENTRANCES THAT LOOKED AS IF THEY'D EXIST IN GAMES.

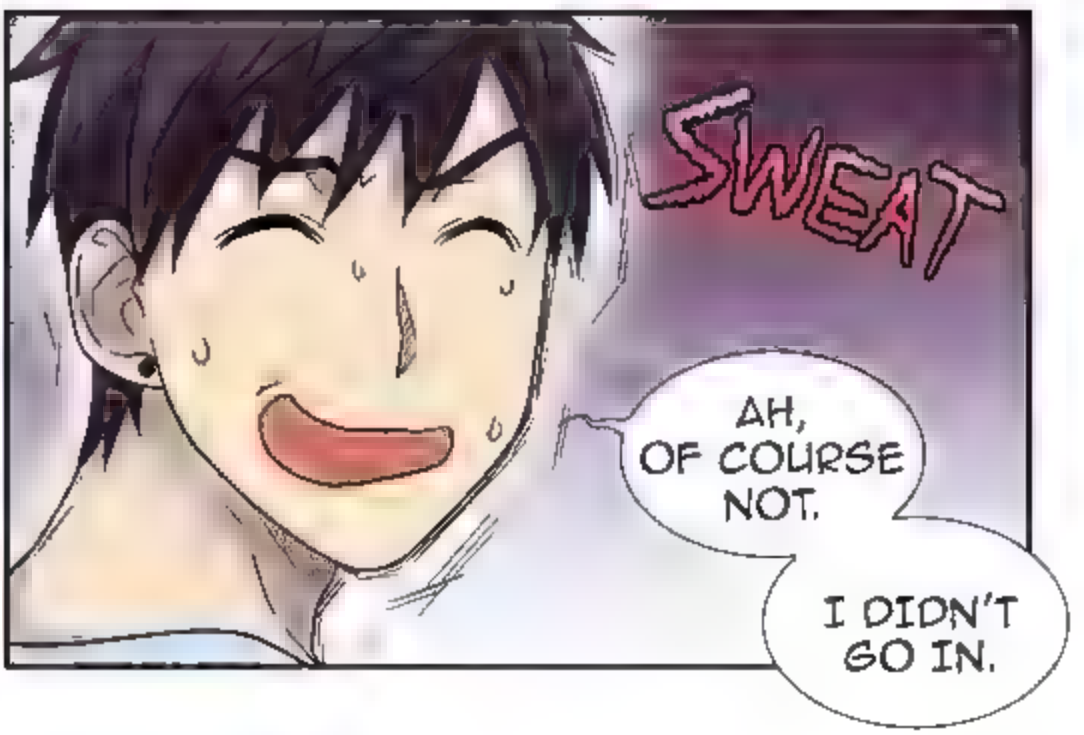
REALLY?
YEAH.


HOW RIDICULOUS...


CREEPY
SO? YOU DIDN'T GO IN THERE BY YOURSELF, DID YOU?

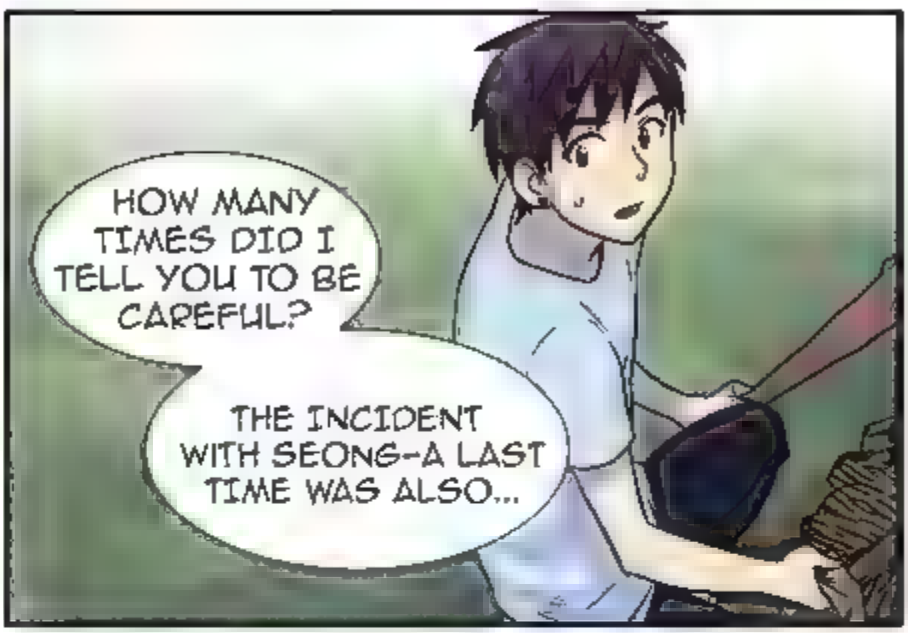

BEEP
JIHAN HAN'S FORESIGHT OF THE OMINOUS HAS
BEEP
!

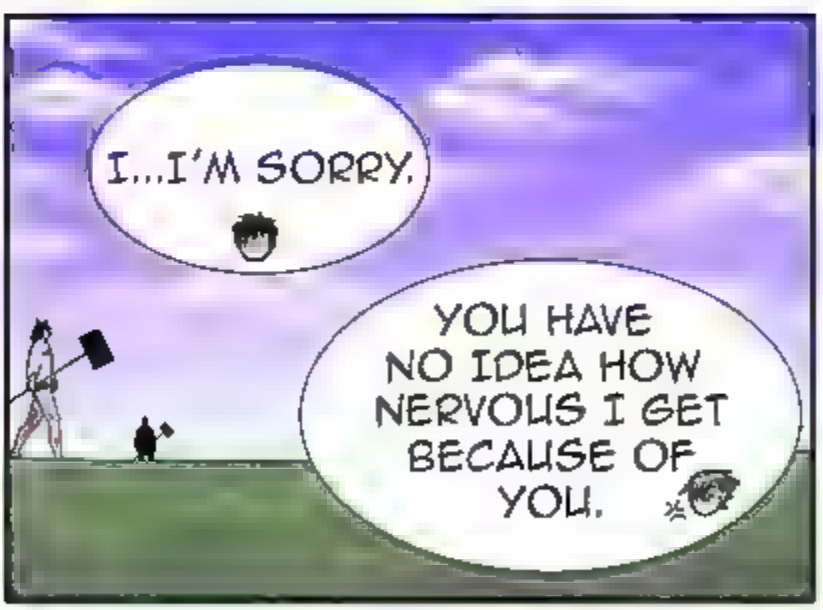
HE'S GONNA START NAGGING!


SWEAT
AH, OF COURSE NOT.
I DIDN'T GO IN.

ARE YOU SURE?
YEAH, I'M SURE!

YOU... WHEW.


HOW MANY TIMES DID I TELL YOU TO BE CAREFUL?
THE INCIDENT WITH SEONG-A LAST TIME WAS ALSO...

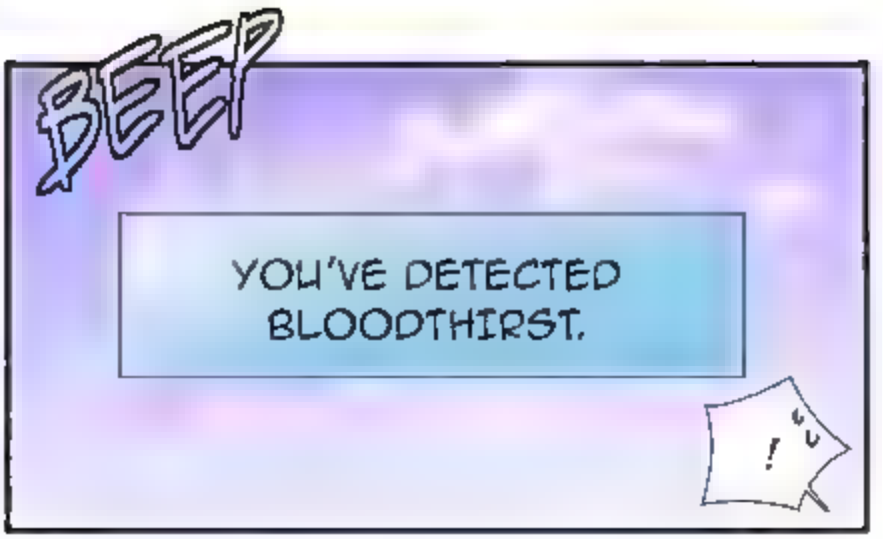

I...I'M SORRY.
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW NERVOUS I GET BECAUSE OF YOU.

I'M TRULY SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WORRY.
USE THIS SLAVE AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.
ARE YOU A SLAVE?

SO, HOW WAS THE INSIDE?
THERE WERE KOBOLDS AND SNAKES ON THE FIRST FLOOR...

GASP!

H.E.Y, J.I.H.A.N?
S.H.O.U.L.D. W.E. H.A.V.E. A.
L.I.T.T.L.E. T.A.L.K?
YIKESSS!



THE GAMER

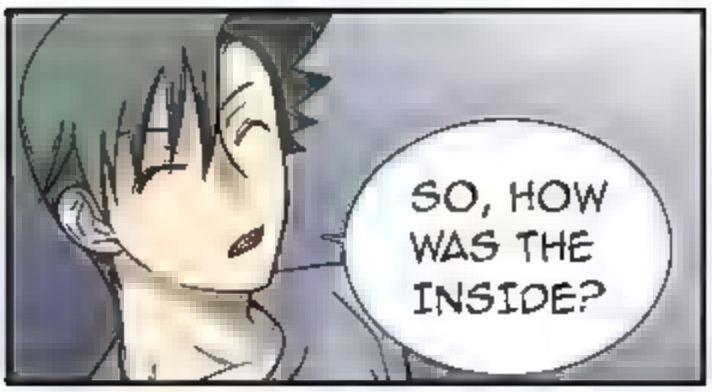
SO THIS IS THE I.D. YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?

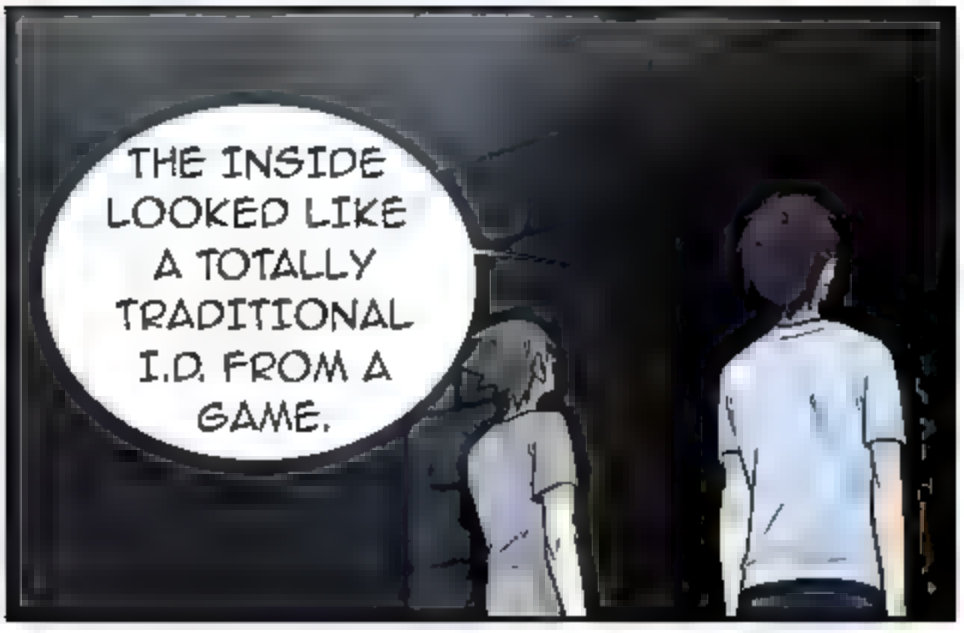
YES, MASTER SUNIL. THIS IS THE I.D. THAT THIS TERRIBLE SLAVE DARED TO GO IN YESTERDAY.
STOP ACTING LIKE THAT.

IF YOU DON'T FORGIVE ME, MASTER SUNIL...

FINE. STOP IT.
I'M GETTING ANNOYED.

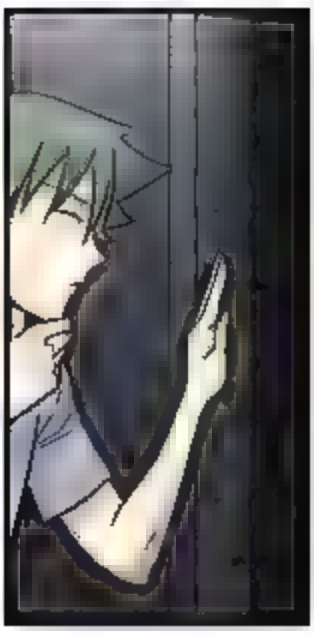
HAHAHAHAHA. YOU'RE MY MOST GENEROUS FRIEND.
TAP
ARRRGGG... IT'S HARD TO HATE YOU.


SO, HOW WAS THE INSIDE?


THE INSIDE LOOKED LIKE A TOTALLY TRADITIONAL I.D. FROM A GAME.

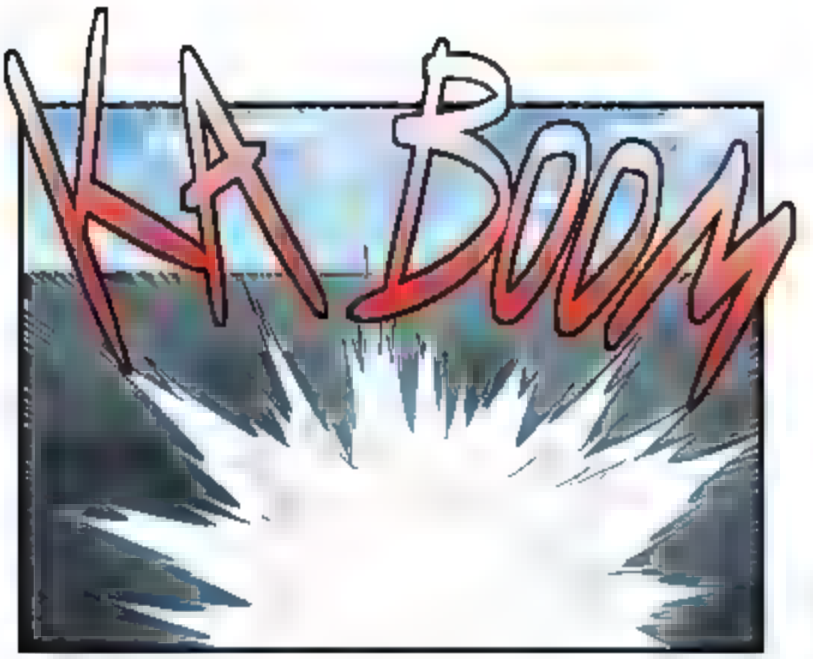
TRAPS, MONSTERS, AND BOSS MONSTERS?
RIGHT.

YOU DIDN'T MAKE IT WITH YOUR SKILLS, BUT IT JUST SHOWED UP.
THAT SOUNDS STRANGE.



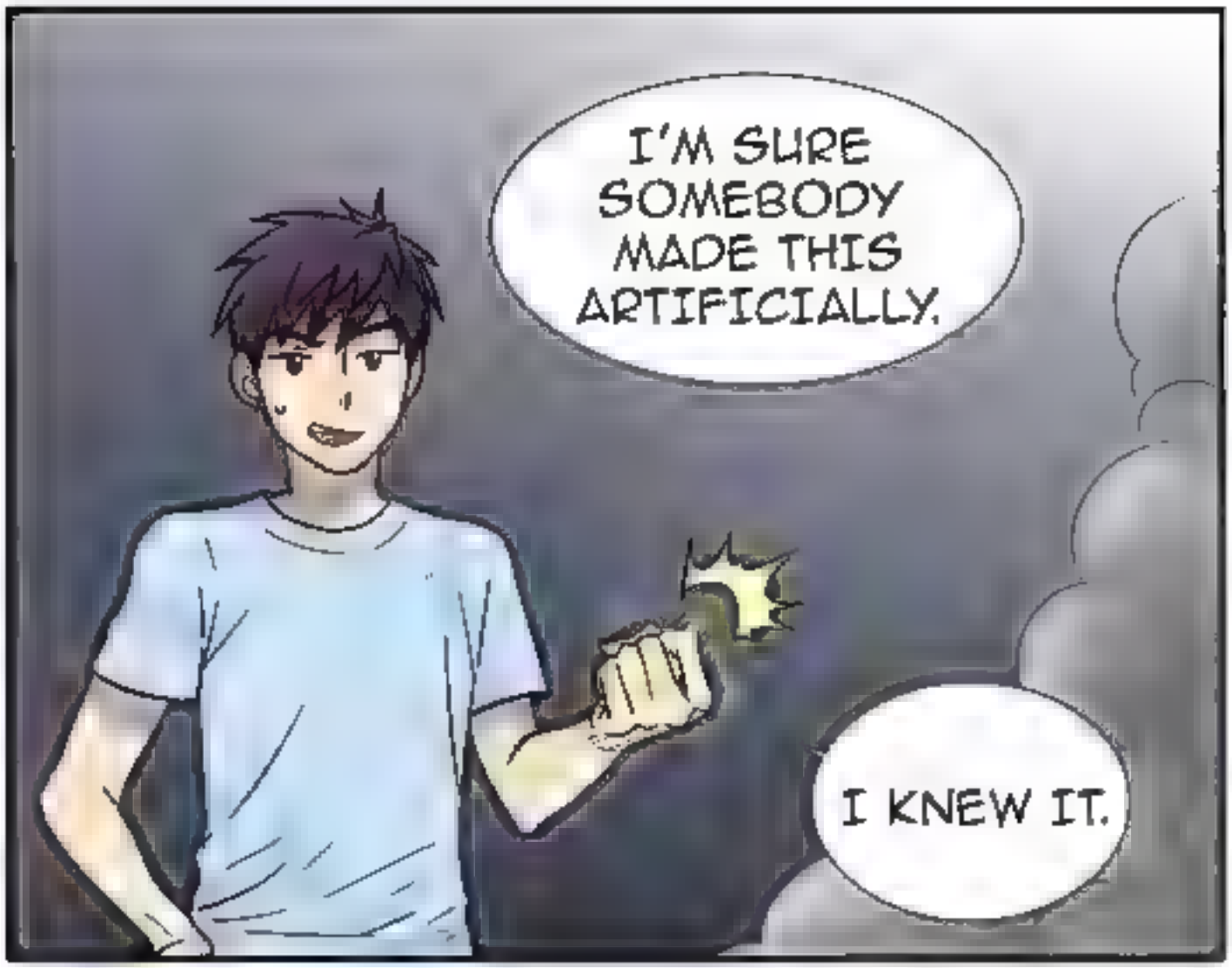
BEAM

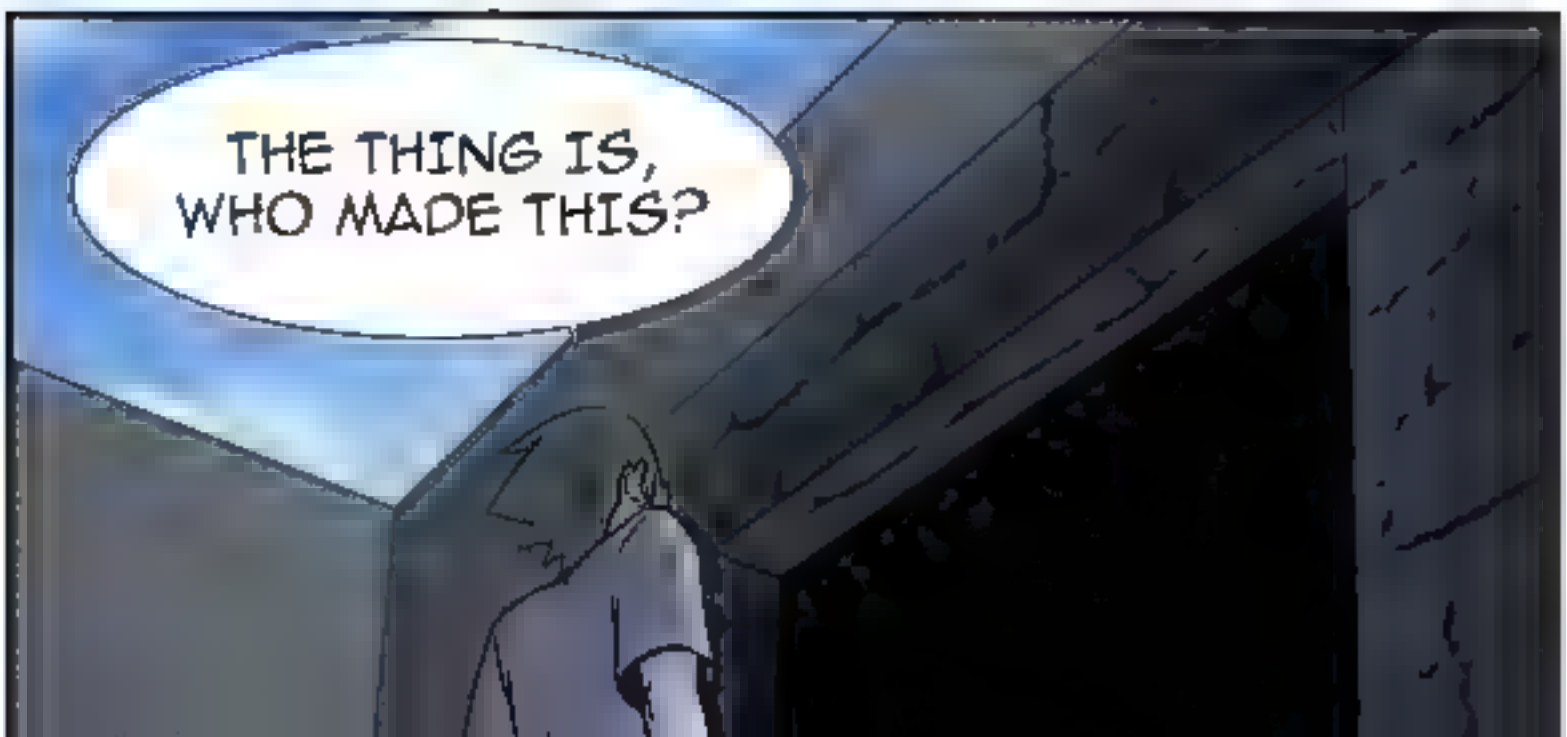
FWOOSH


KA BOOM

SSHHH
THE WALLS BREAKS FROM THE INSIDE, RIGHT?
YEAH.

BUT THE WALLS BY THE ENTRANCE CANNOT BE BROKEN...


I'M SURE SOMEBODY MADE THIS ARTIFICIALLY.
I KNEW IT.

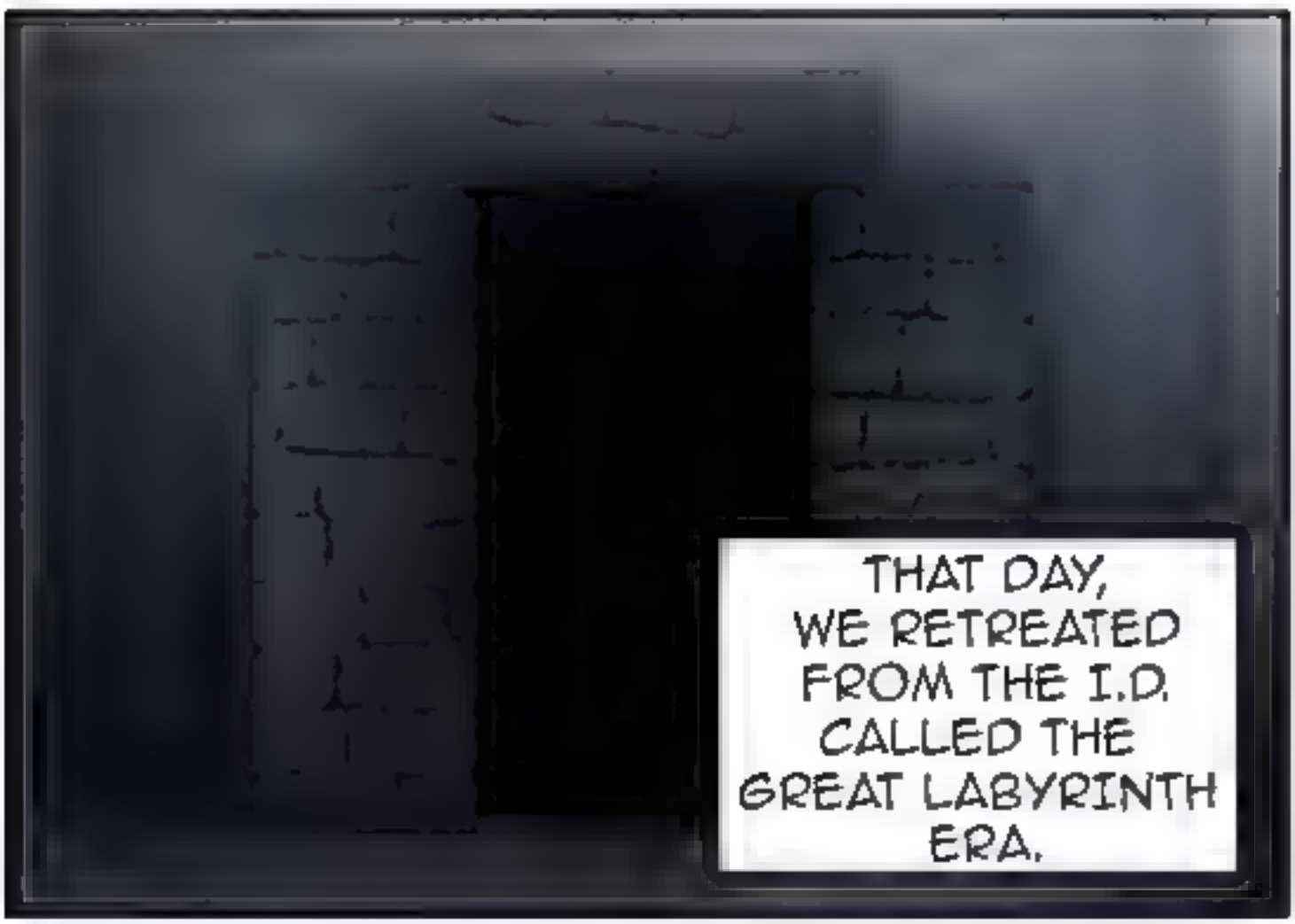

THE THING IS, WHO MADE THIS?

AND WHY DID THEY MAKE IT...?

JUST DON'T GO IN HERE FOR NOW.

I'LL DO SOME RESEARCH.

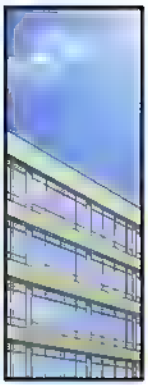
OKAY.

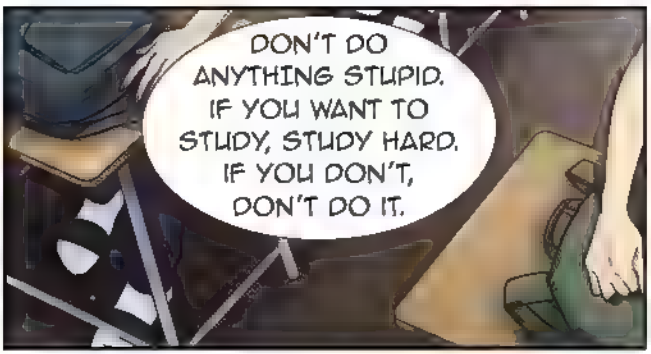

THAT DAY,
WE RETREATED
FROM THE I.D.
CALLED THE
GREAT LABYRINTH
ERA.

LINE Webtoon

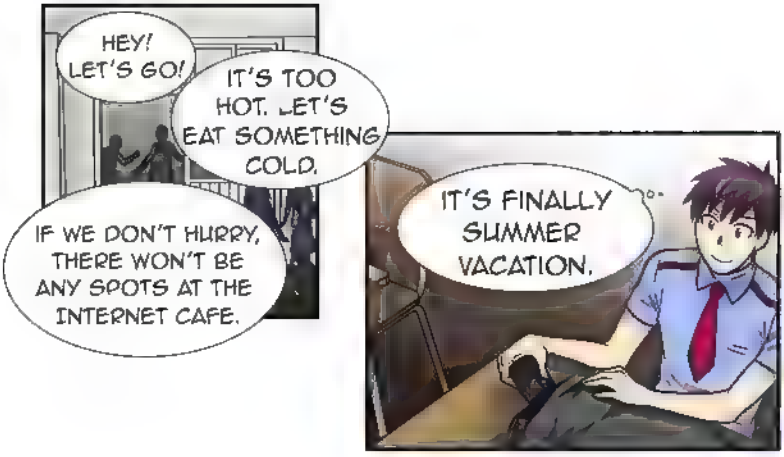
THE GAMER

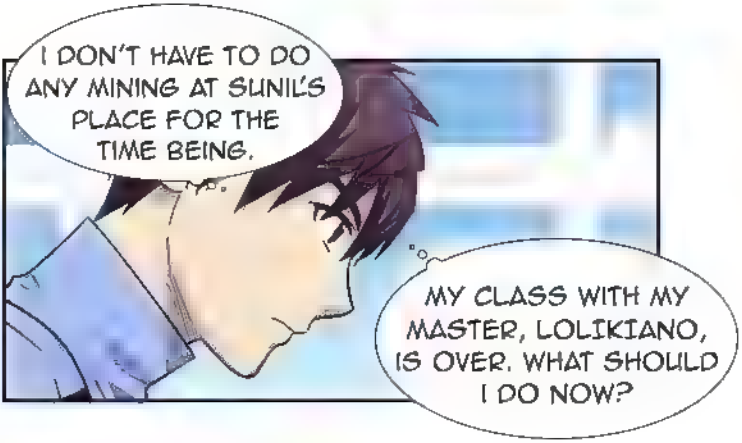
STORY BY SANGYOUNG SEONG
ILLUST BY SANG-A




DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID. IF YOU WANT TO STUDY, STUDY HARD. IF YOU DON'T, DON'T DO IT.

ATTENTION! BOW!
THANK YOU!


HEY! LET'S GO!
IT'S TOO HOT. LET'S EAT SOMETHING COLD.
IF WE DON'T HURRY, THERE WON'T BE ANY SPOTS AT THE INTERNET CAFE.
IT'S FINALLY SUMMER VACATION.


I DON'T HAVE TO DO ANY MINING AT SUNIL'S PLACE FOR THE TIME BEING.
MY CLASS WITH MY MASTER, LOLIKIANO, IS OVER. WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

SHOULD I GO CLEAR THE GREAT LABYRINTH OR WHATEVER THAT I'VE FOUND EARLIER?
NOW THAT I HAVE THE SKILLS THAT I LEARNED FROM MY MASTER,
I DON'T THINK IT'LL BE HARD TO CLEAR IT.

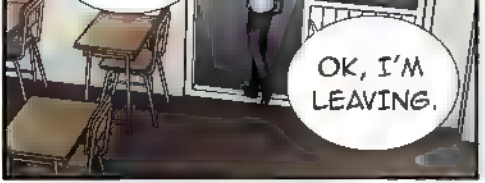
NEVER MIND. SUNIL SAID IT'S DANGEROUS.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN IF I GO AGAIN...

DUDE, I'M LEAVING NOW. I HAVE A THING.

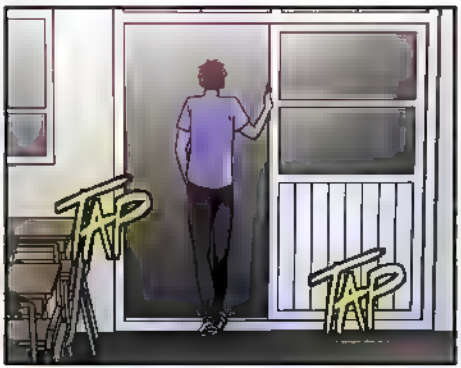
ARE YOU GONNA SEARCH FOR INFO?
YEAH, I SHOULD.

OK. BYE.
WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

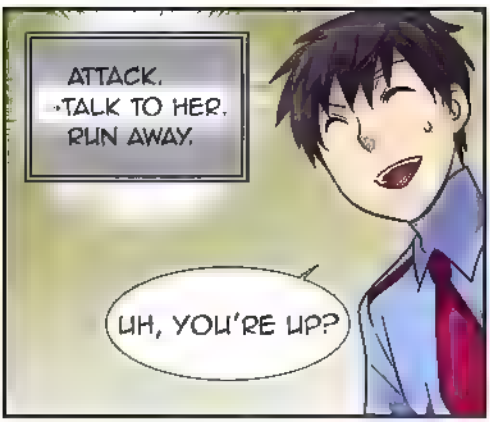
I'LL GO HOME AND TRAIN.
I CAN CREATE AN OGRE'S DUNGEON AT HOME.
I'LL HUNT THEM.
DON'T GO INTO THE ROOM OF TIME AND SPACE TOO MANY TIMES, OR YOU'LL GET OLD.
NAGGING AGAIN...
JUST LEAVE.


OK, I'M LEAVING.

WOOSH


TAP
TAP

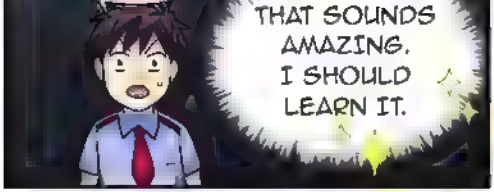
POP UP
JIHAN HAN.

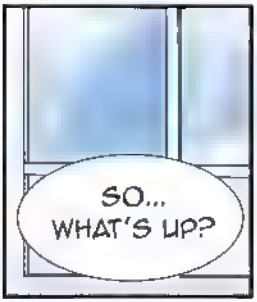

ATTACK.
TALK TO HER.
RUN AWAY.
UH, YOU'RE UP?

BY THE WAY... ALL YOU DO IS SLEEP AT SCHOOL. DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S TOO MUCH?

IT LOOKS LIKE I'M SLEEPING, BUT I'M ACTUALLY TRAINING.
VISION. SLEEP FLOATING METHOD.

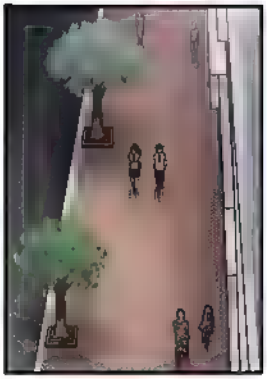
N...NEVER HEARD OF IT.

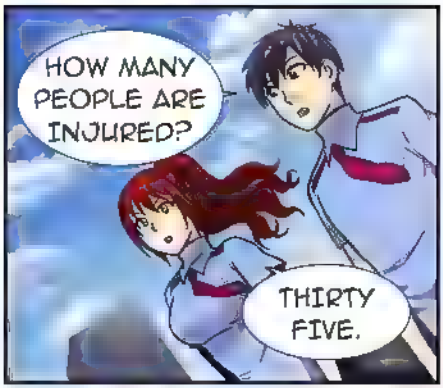

THAT SOUNDS AMAZING. I SHOULD LEARN IT.


SO... WHAT'S UP?

WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT BEFORE IS READY.

YEAH?
THEN... HOW ABOUT TODAY?
GOOD.
LET'S GO.



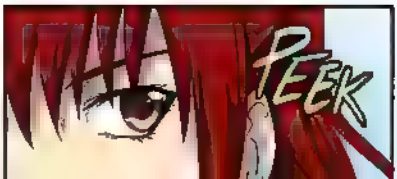

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE INJURED?
THIRTY FIVE.

ALL OF THEM...
HAVE EITHER LOST THEIR MARTIAL ART SKILLS OR AREN'T ABLE TO USE THEM.

MR. SEONGON MUST HAVE WENT CRAZY..
HE CAN'T BLAME THEM IF THEY BECOME HIS ENEMIES.

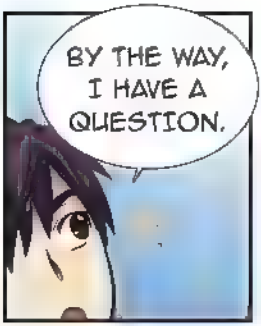
HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE KILLED?
NONE.

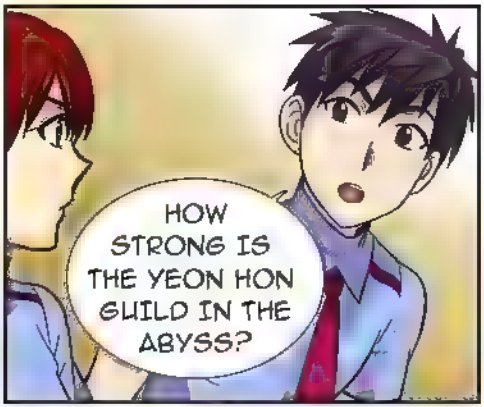
PHEW
THAT'S GOOD..


PEEK

IF YOU CURE THEM...
I WON'T TAKE REVENGE ON HIM,
BUT I'LL NEVER FORGET THIS HUMILIATION.

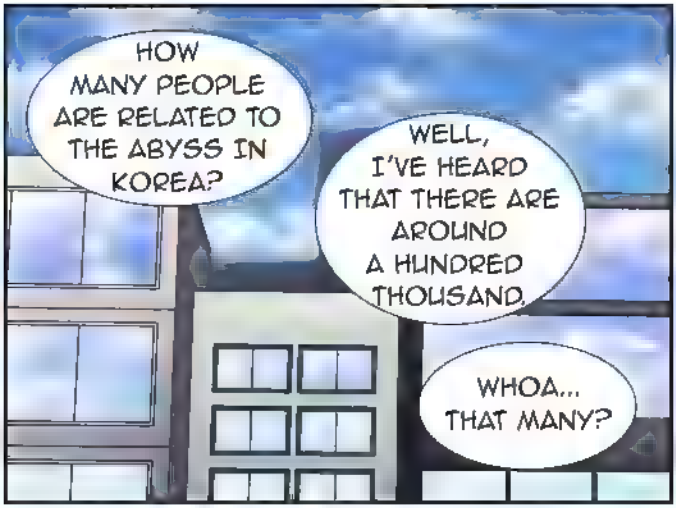
OF COURSE, I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO TELL YOU WHAT TO DO ABOUT THAT...

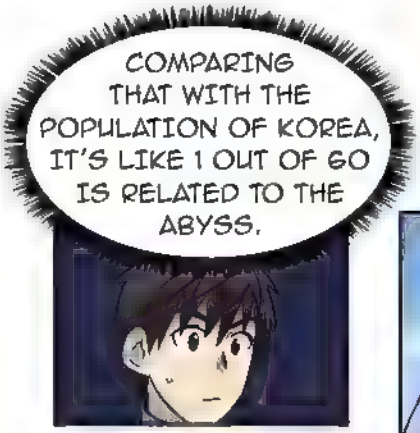

BY THE WAY, I HAVE A QUESTION.

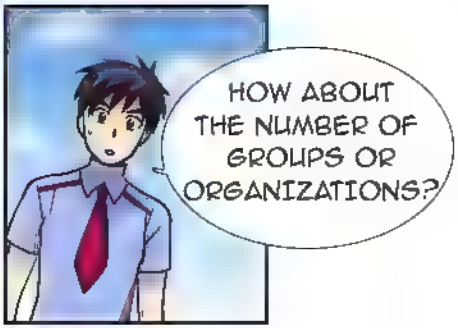

HOW STRONG IS THE YEON HON GUILD IN THE ABYSS?

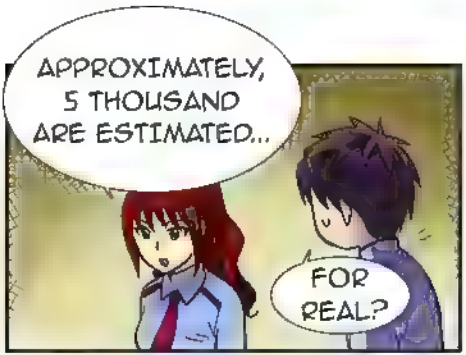
THE YEON HON GUILD IS... AT LEAST IN THE TOP 100 IN KOREA.

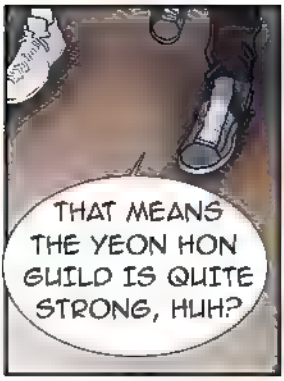
TOP 100.
IS IT SIMILAR TO THE RANKS OF COMPANIES?


HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE RELATED TO THE ABYSS IN KOREA?
WELL, I'VE HEARD THAT THERE ARE AROUND A HUNDRED THOUSAND.
WHOA... THAT MANY?

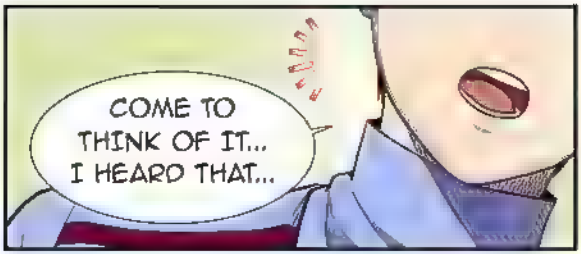

COMPARING THAT WITH THE POPULATION OF KOREA, IT'S LIKE 1 OUT OF 60 IS RELATED TO THE ABYSS.

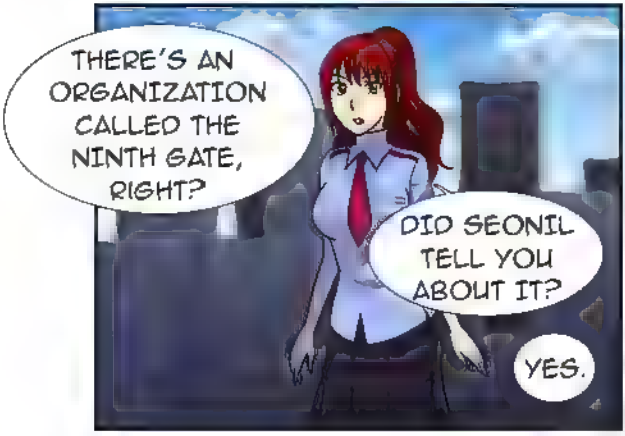

HOW ABOUT THE NUMBER OF GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS?


APPROXIMATELY, 5 THOUSAND ARE ESTIMATED...
FOR REAL?


THAT MEANS THE YEON HON GUILD IS QUITE STRONG, HUH?

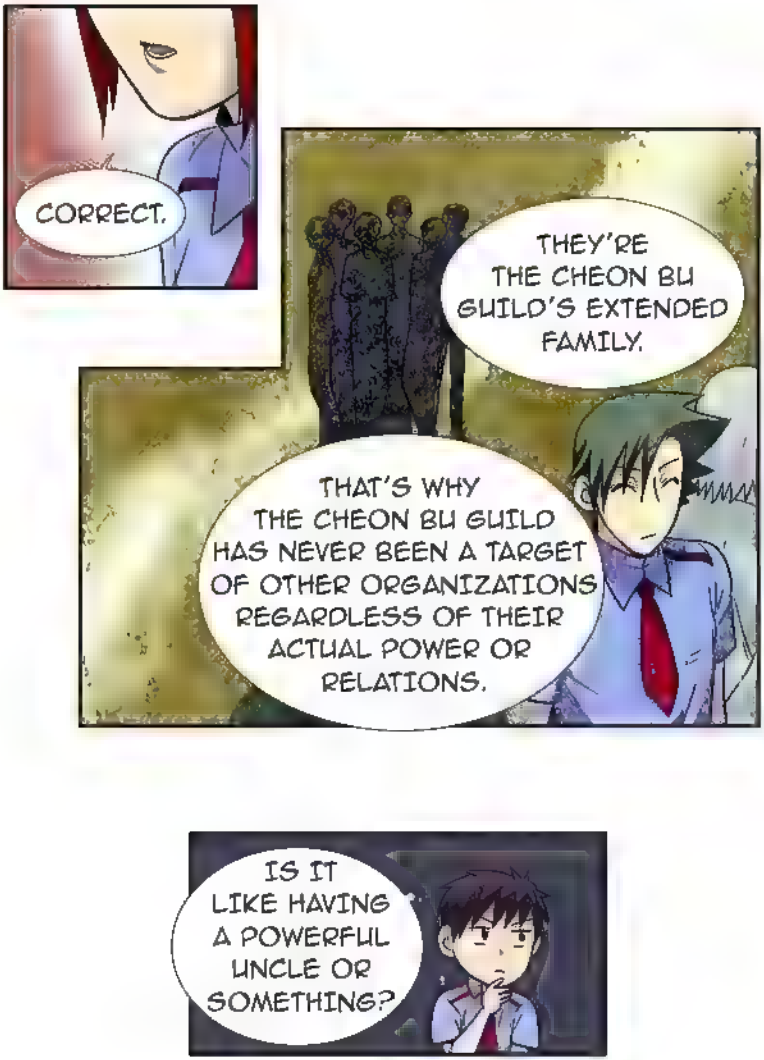
CORRECT.
AT LEAST... AS STRONG AS THE CHEON BU GUILD.

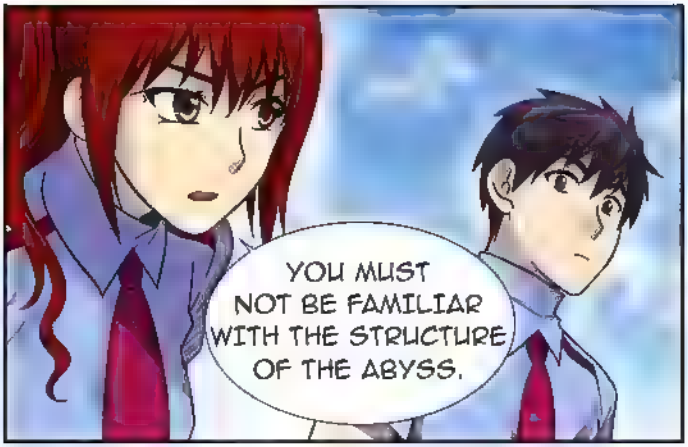

COME TO THINK OF IT... I HEARD THAT...

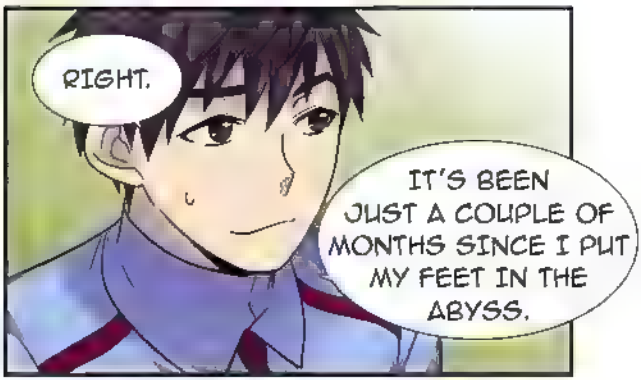

THERE'S AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE NINTH GATE, RIGHT?
DID SEONIL TELL YOU ABOUT IT?
YES.

THAT'S CORRECT. THEY ARE THE NINE STRONGEST ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WORLD.

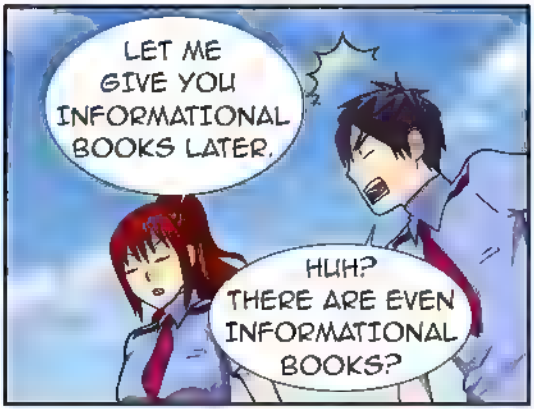
DAN UI GUILD IS ONE OF THEM,
AND THEY REPRESENT OUR COUNTRY... IS THAT CORRECT?


CORRECT.
THEY'RE THE CHEON BU GUILD'S EXTENDED FAMILY.
THAT'S WHY THE CHEON BU GUILD HAS NEVER BEEN A TARGET OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS REGARDLESS OF THEIR ACTUAL POWER OR RELATIONS.
IS IT LIKE HAVING A POWERFUL UNCLE OR SOMETHING?

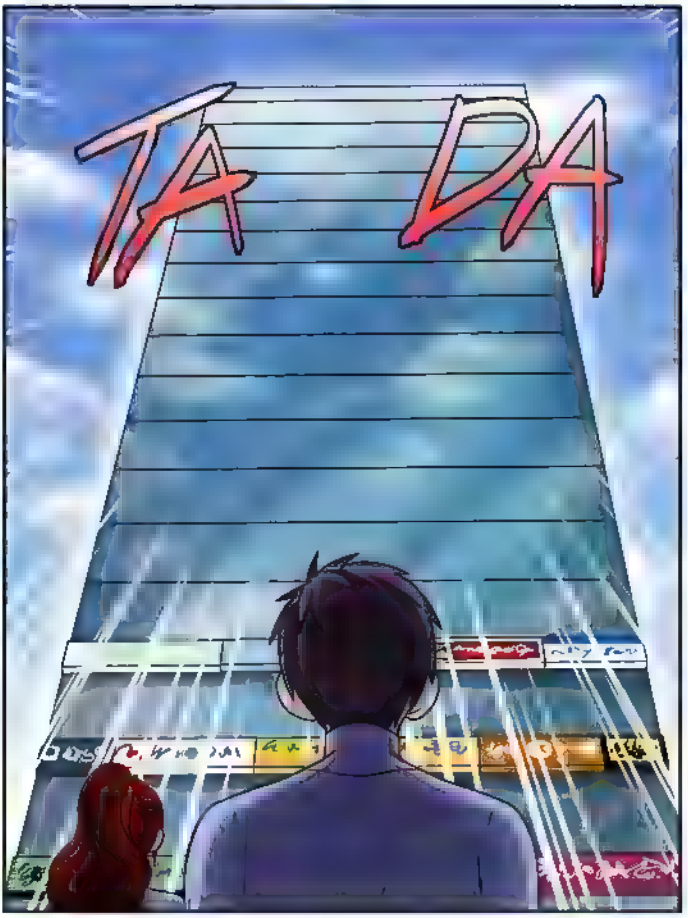

YOU MUST NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH THE STRUCTURE OF THE ABYSS.


RIGHT.
IT'S BEEN JUST A COUPLE OF MONTHS SINCE I PUT MY FEET IN THE ABYSS.

I SEE.


LET ME GIVE YOU INFORMATIONAL BOOKS LATER.
HUH? THERE ARE EVEN INFORMATIONAL BOOKS?

THE GAMER


TA DA

YOUR GUILD HAS A WESTERN STYLE BUILDING.
YEAH? I NEVER CARED MUCH ABOUT IT.

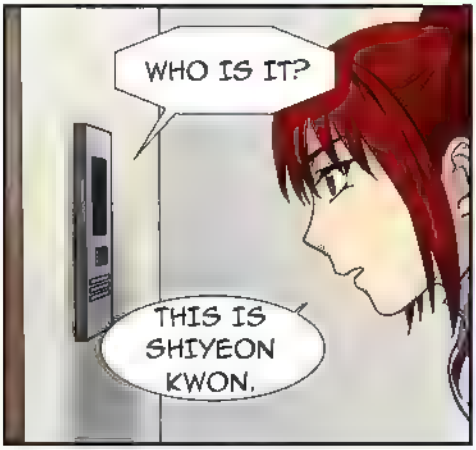
10
PRESS
5
9
4
8

ZZZING

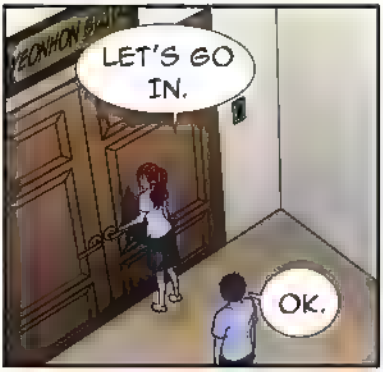
RING
CLANK

YEONHON GUILD

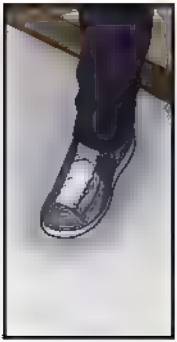
RING

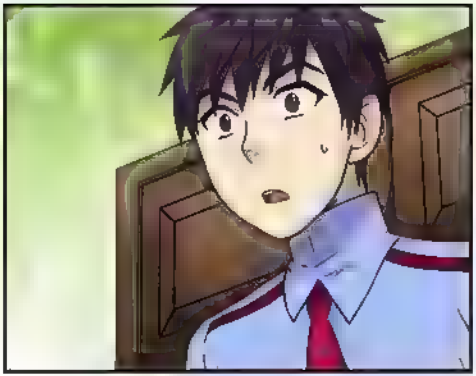

WHO IS IT?
THIS IS SHIYEON KWON.

BEEP
CLINK


LET'S GO IN.
OK.

CREAK





BEEP

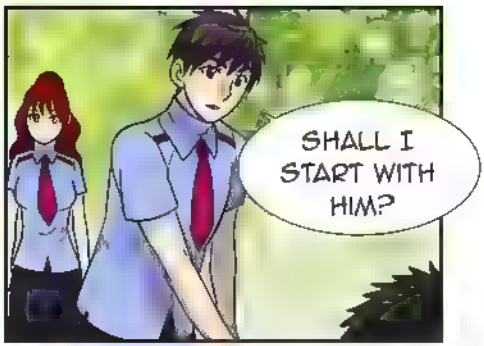
YOU'VE ENTERED AN INSTANT DUNGEON.

YOU'VE ENTERED THE YEON HON GUILD'S SAENGHAPJIN DUNGEON.
YOUR MP RECOVERY SPEED INCREASES TO 300%.
YOUR STRENGTH RECOVERY SPEED INCREASES TO 300%.
YOUR MANA RECOVERY SPEED INCREASES TO 300%.

BEEP

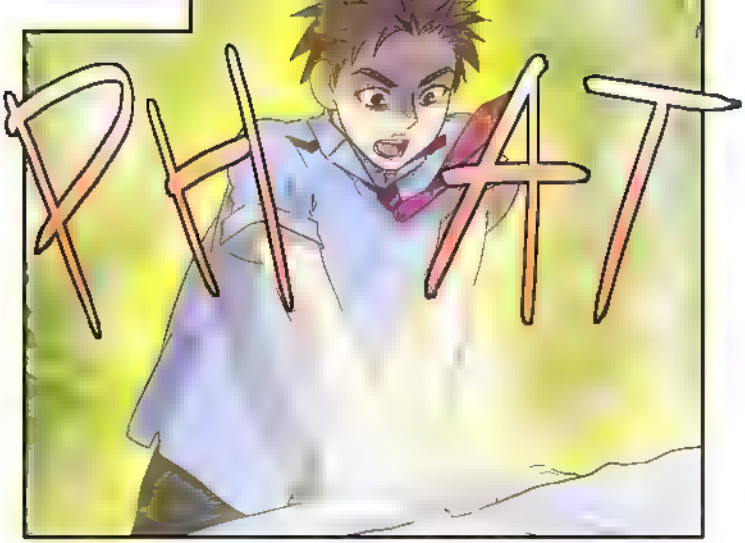
WOW. THIS PLACE IS THREE TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN THE PLACE WHERE SUNIL RECOVERED.

OK.


SHALL I START WITH HIM?

HAS ANYONE LOST ANY LIMBS?
NO.

GOOD... I CAN'T REGENERATE LOST APPENDAGES.
LET'S... DO THIS.
INVENTORY.
SSSH
SSS
YEON HON PRINCIPLE.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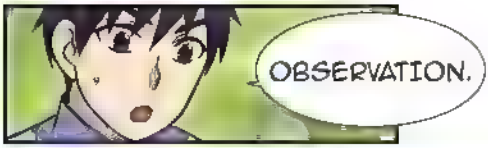
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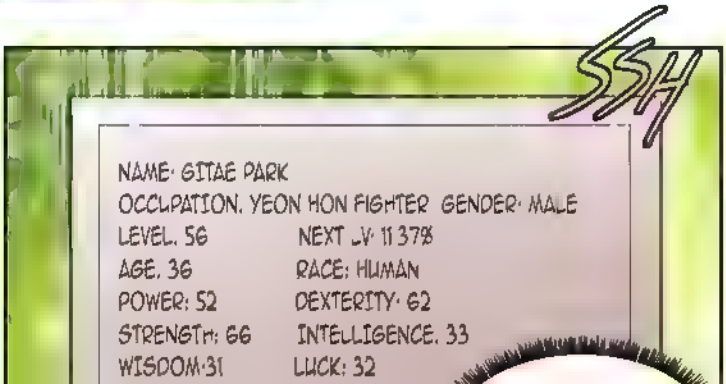
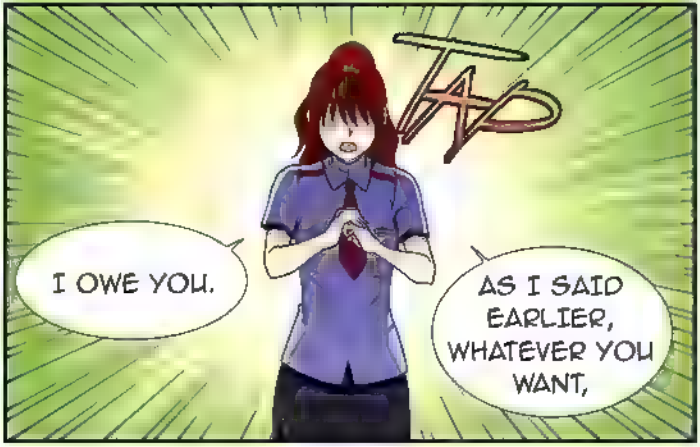

SSH
NAME· GITAE PARK
OCCUPATION. YEON HON FIGHTER GENDER· MALE
LEVEL. 56 NEXT .V· 11 37%
AGE. 36 RACE: HUMAN
POWER: 52 DEXTERITY· 62
STRENGTH: 66 INTELLIGENCE. 33
WISDOM·31 LUCK: 32

STATE · NORMAL

HIS STATE IS NORMAL.

IT'S AMAZING. HE'S CURED FOR SURE.

I'M GLAD IT WORKED.

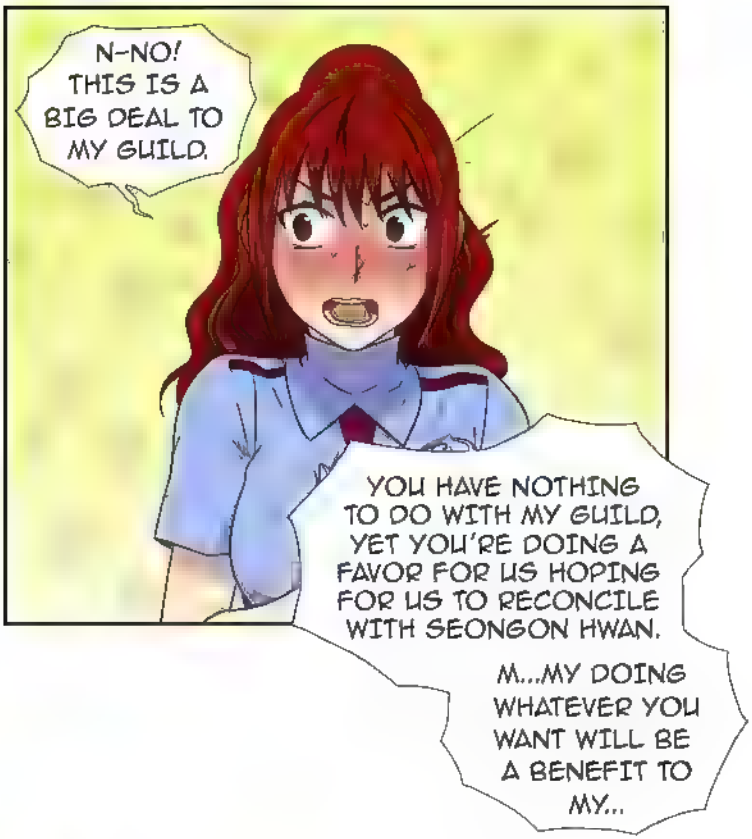

I OWE YOU.
AS I SAID EARLIER, WHATEVER YOU WANT,

I'LL DO...

BLUSH

I-I'LL DO IT FOR YOU.

UM... YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUSH YOURSELF.

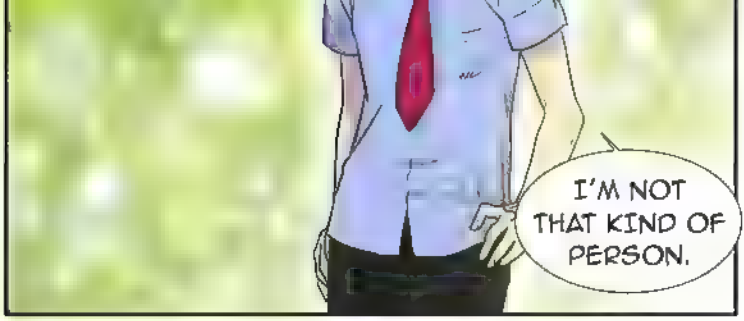

N-NO! THIS IS A BIG DEAL TO MY GUILD.
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH MY GUILD, YET YOU'RE DOING A FAVOR FOR US HOPING FOR US TO RECONCILE WITH SEONGON HWAN.
M...MY DOING WHATEVER YOU WANT WILL BE A BENEFIT TO MY...

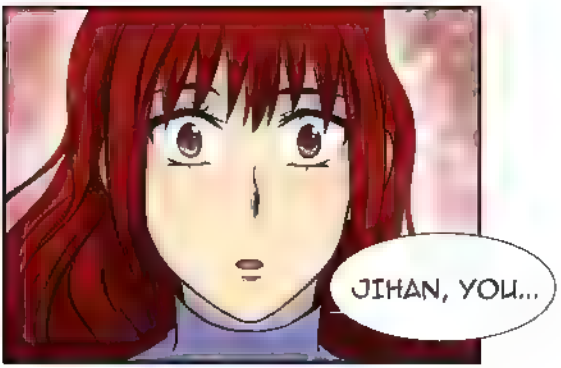
GRIN
ALRIGHT. THEN WOULD YOU GET ME SOME MAGIC BOOKS OR SOMETHING?

WILL THAT BE ENOUGH?

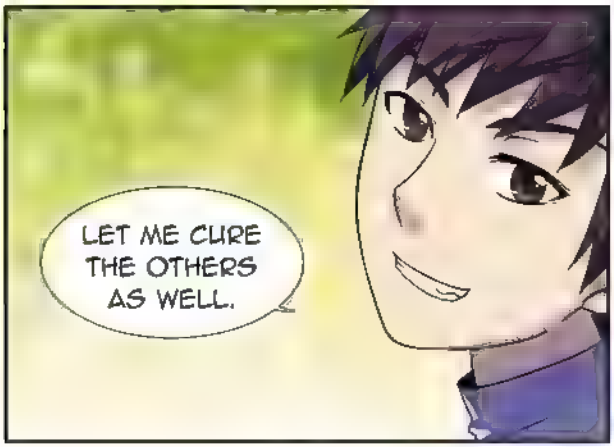
I'M READY FOR SOMETHING ELSE TOO.

IT WOULDN'T BE NICE TO ASK FOR SO MANY THINGS AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOU.


I'M NOT THAT KIND OF PERSON.


JIHAN, YOU...

OK, STOP.
CLAP

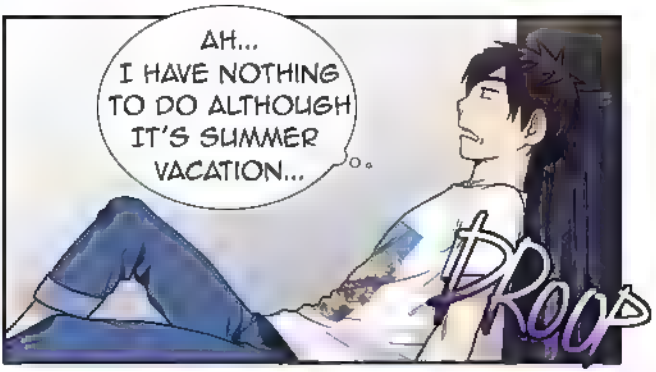

LET ME CURE THE OTHERS AS WELL.

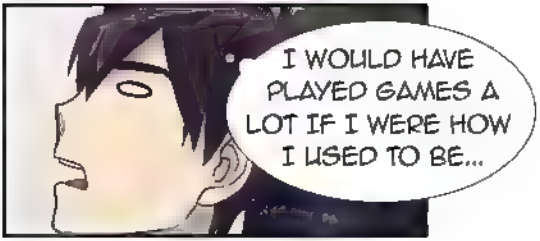
O-OKAY.

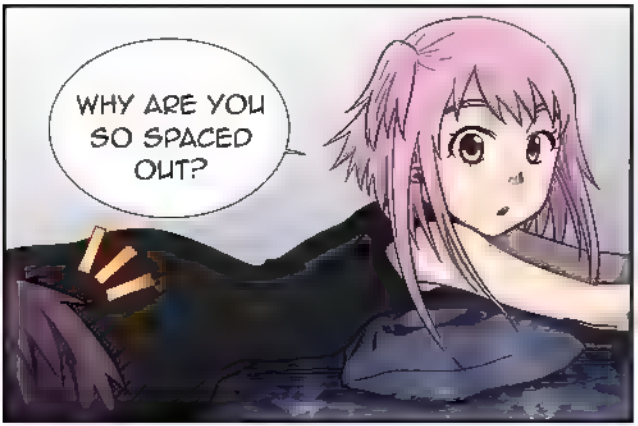
LINE Webtoon

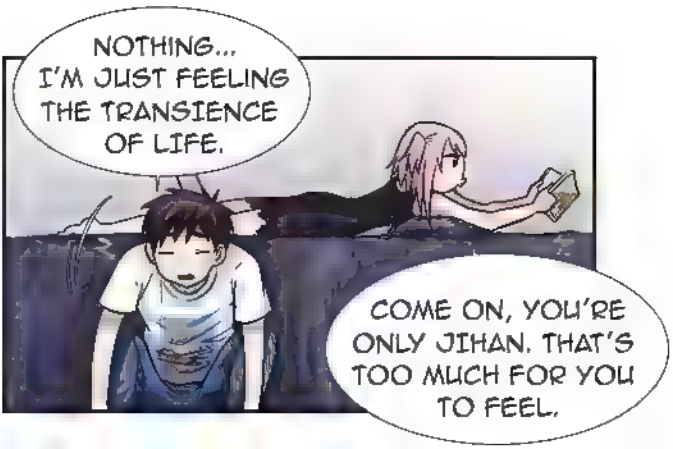
THE GAMER

STORY BY SANGYOUNG SEONG
ILLUST BY SANG-A

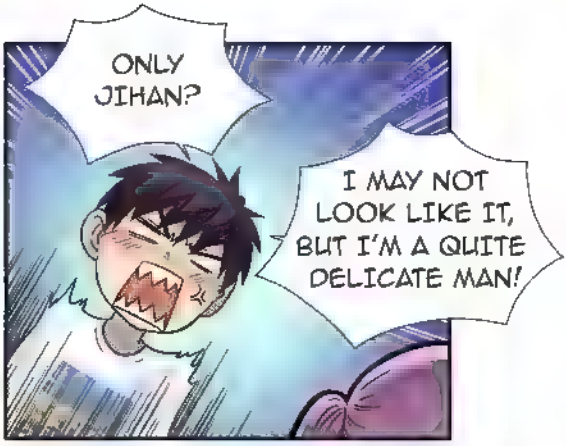


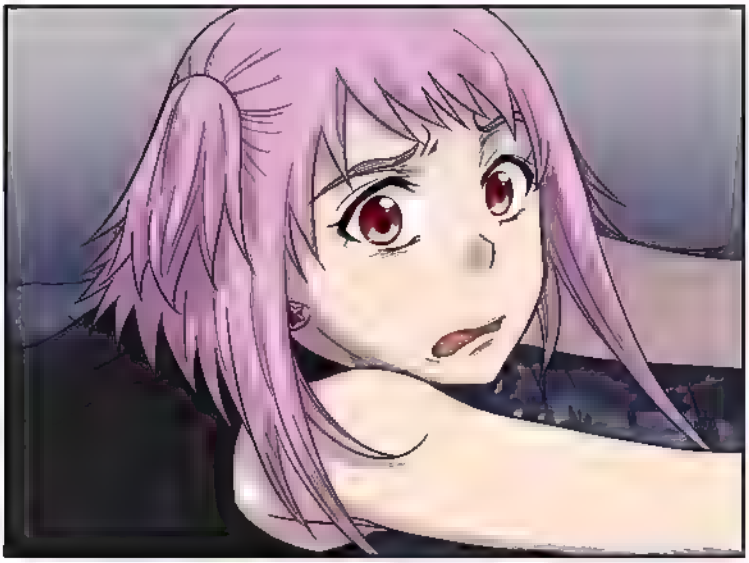

I WOULD HAVE PLAYED GAMES A LOT IF I WERE HOW I USED TO BE...


WHY ARE YOU SO SPACED OUT?


NOTHING... I'M JUST FEELING THE TRANSIENCE OF LIFE.
COME ON, YOU'RE ONLY JIHAN. THAT'S TOO MUCH FOR YOU TO FEEL.

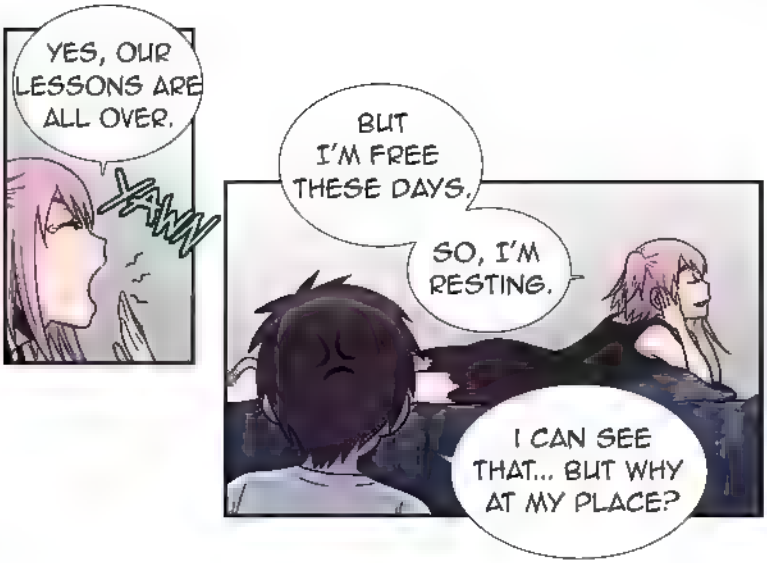
UPSET

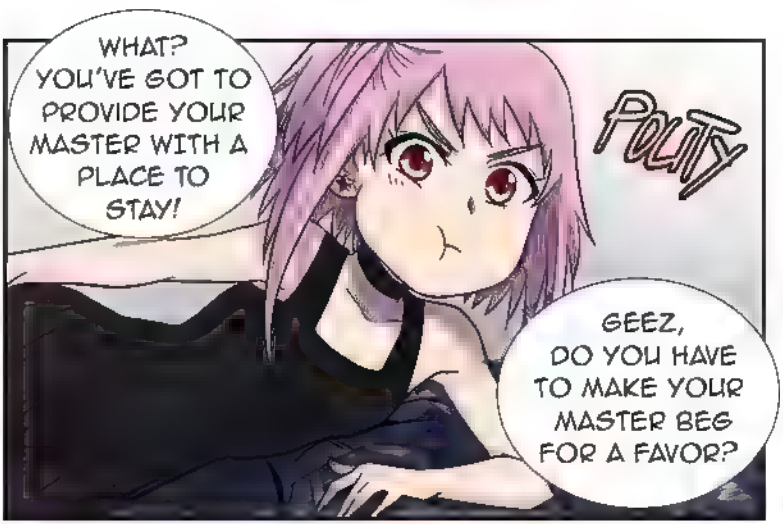

ONLY JIHAN?
I MAY NOT LOOK LIKE IT, BUT I'M A QUITE DELICATE MAN!



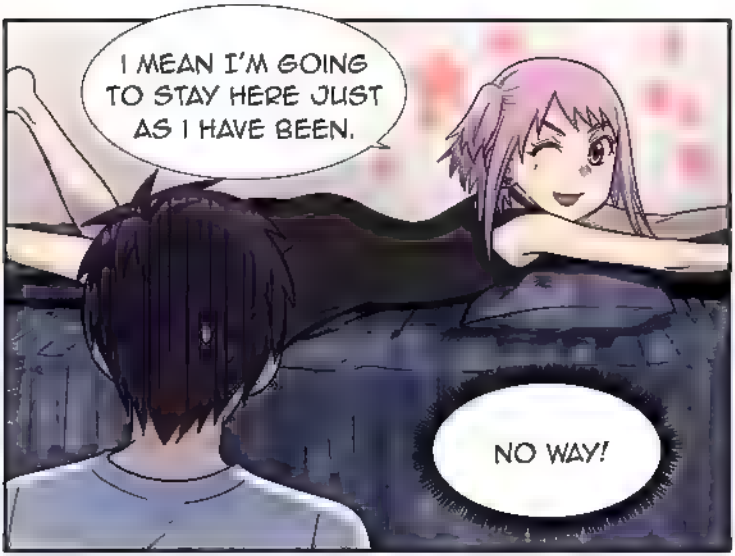
GR RR

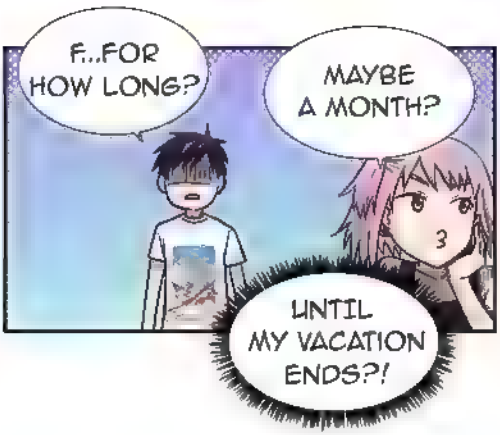
ANYWAY, I THOUGHT OUR CLASSES WERE ALL FINISHED.
FLIGHT, DUAL CASTING, CONTROLLING MANA.
I'VE ACQUIRED THESE THREE SKILLS FOR SURE, AND I'VE LEARNED SOME FIGHT SKILLS, TOO...

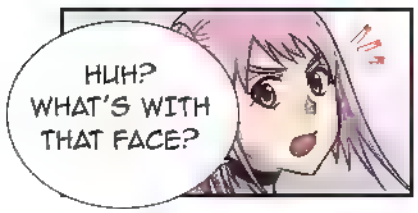

YES, OUR LESSONS ARE ALL OVER.
YAWN
BUT I'M FREE THESE DAYS.
SO, I'M RESTING.
I CAN SEE THAT... BUT WHY AT MY PLACE?


WHAT? YOU'VE GOT TO PROVIDE YOUR MASTER WITH A PLACE TO STAY!
POUTY
GEEZ, DO YOU HAVE TO MAKE YOUR MASTER BEG FOR A FAVOR?

WHAT?
SO, YOU'RE SAYING...


I MEAN I'M GOING TO STAY HERE JUST AS I HAVE BEEN.
NO WAY!

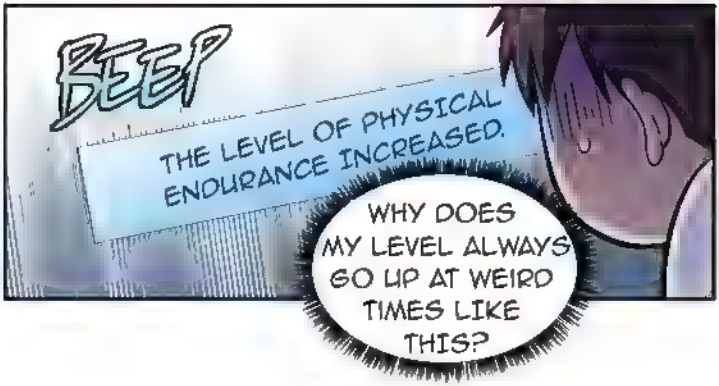

F...FOR HOW LONG?
MAYBE A MONTH?
UNTIL MY VACATION ENDS?!

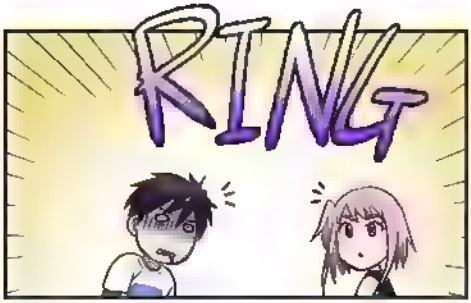

HUH? WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?

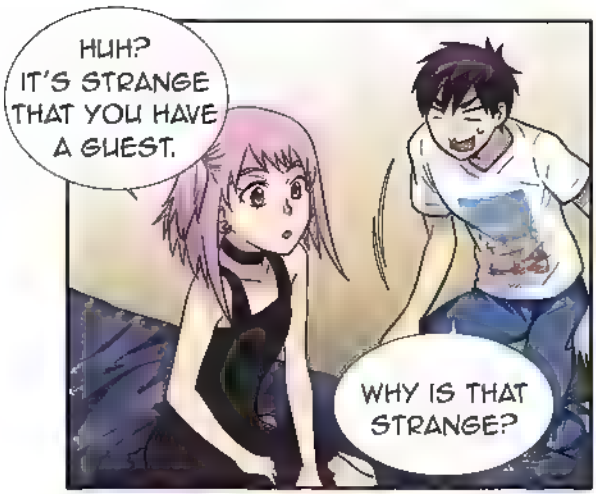
YOU'RE NOT KICKING THIS POOR MASTER OUT, ARE YOU?
.....

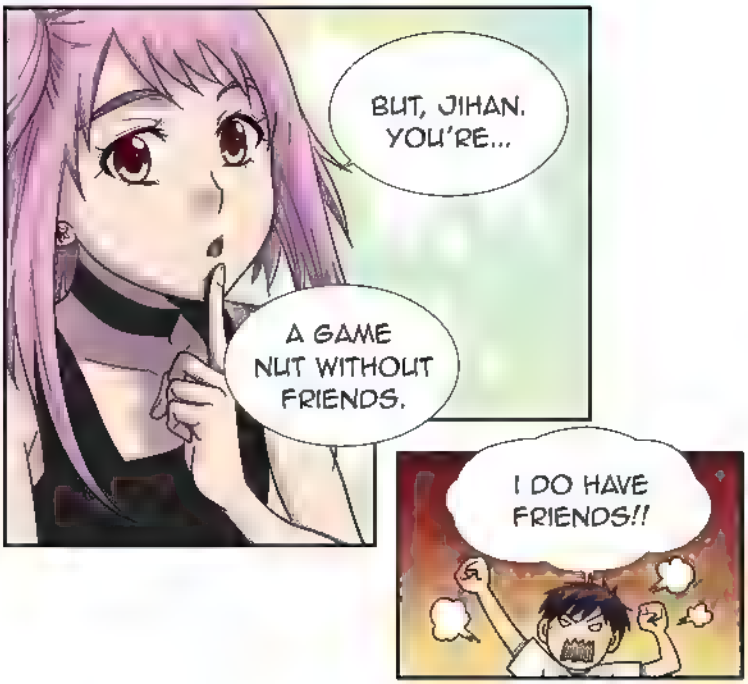
YOU WEREN'T TRYING TO SEDUCE ME JUST NOW, WERE YOU?

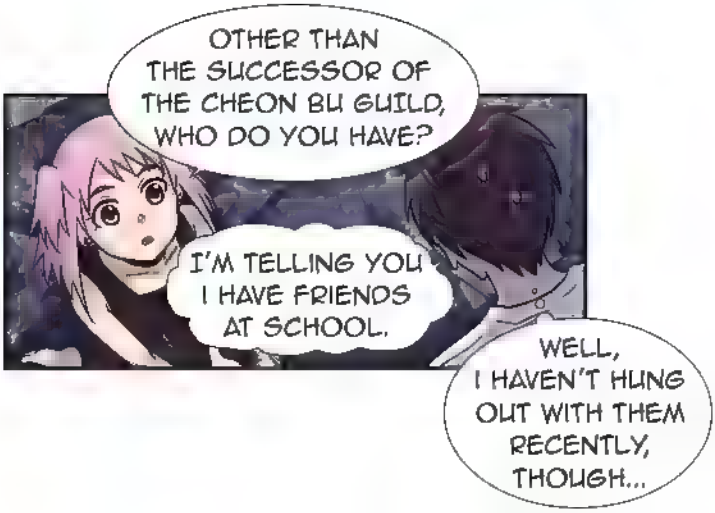
MASTER.
THUD
IF I HAPPEN TO BE SEDUCED BY YOU,
THEN THAT WILL BE WHAT PEOPLE CALL, "LOLI..."
AWK!
POW
I DON'T LIKE YOUR REACTION.

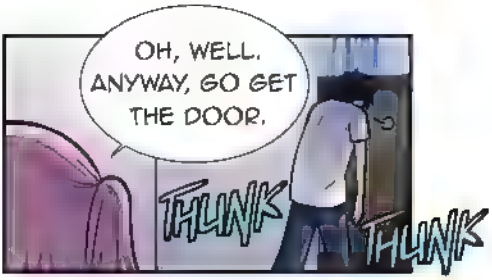

BEEP
THE LEVEL OF PHYSICAL ENDURANCE INCREASED.
WHY DOES MY LEVEL ALWAYS GO UP AT WEIRD TIMES LIKE THIS?

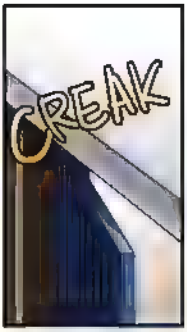

RING


HUH? IT'S STRANGE THAT YOU HAVE A GUEST.
WHY IS THAT STRANGE?

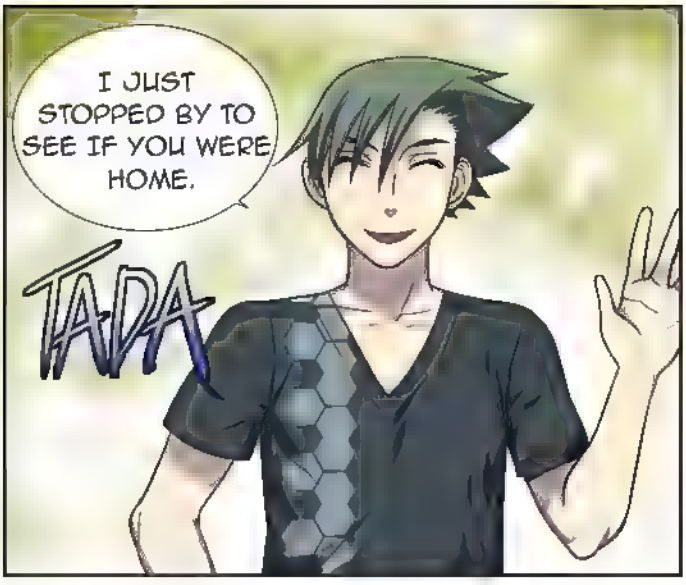

BUT, JIHAN. YOU'RE...
A GAME NUT WITHOUT FRIENDS.
I DO HAVE FRIENDS!!


OTHER THAN THE SUCCESSOR OF THE CHEON BU GUILD, WHO DO YOU HAVE?
I'M TELLING YOU I HAVE FRIENDS AT SCHOOL.
WELL, I HAVEN'T HUNG OUT WITH THEM RECENTLY, THOUGH...


OH, WELL. ANYWAY, GO GET THE DOOR.
THUNK
THUNK


CREAK

HUH? WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL ME TO TELL ME YOU'D STOP BY?



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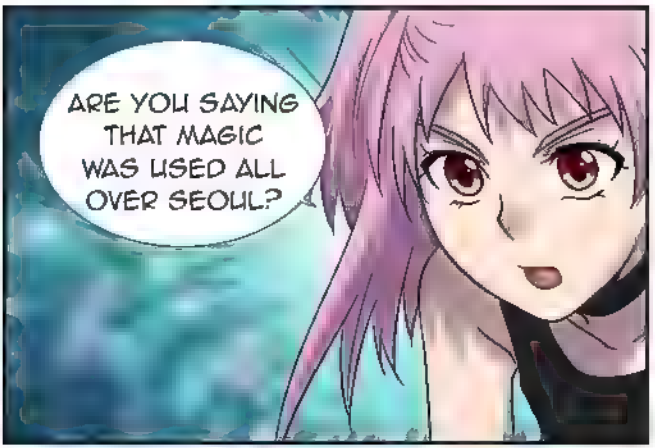
ARE YOU SAYING THAT MAGIC WAS USED ALL OVER SEOUL?

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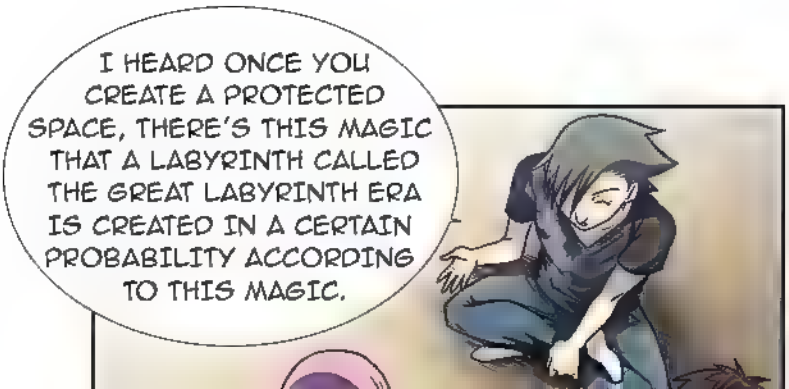
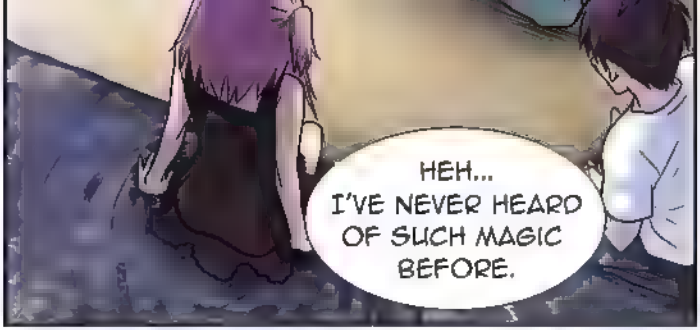
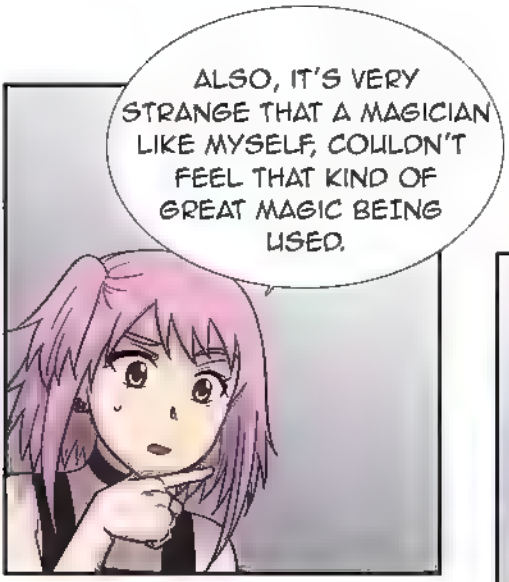
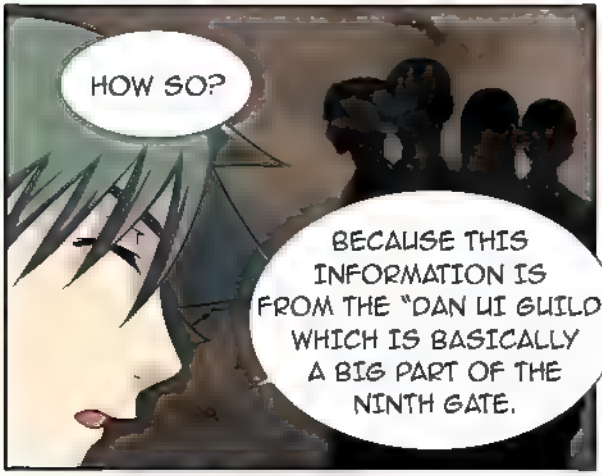
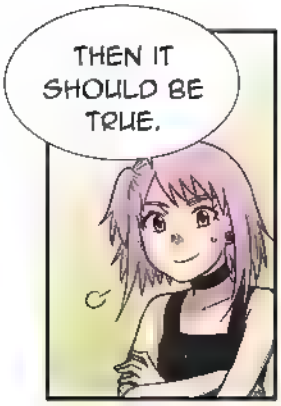

I HEARD ONCE YOU CREATE A PROTECTED SPACE, THERE'S THIS MAGIC THAT A LABYRINTH CALLED THE GREAT LABYRINTH ERA IS CREATED IN A CERTAIN PROBABILITY ACCORDING TO THIS MAGIC.

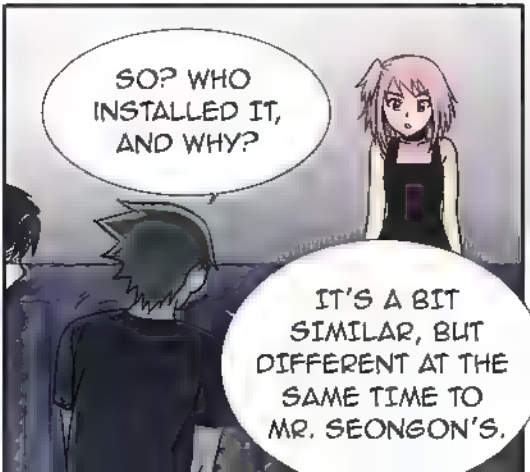

HEH...
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH MAGIC BEFORE.


ALSO, IT'S VERY STRANGE THAT A MAGICIAN LIKE MYSELF, COULDN'T FEEL THAT KIND OF GREAT MAGIC BEING USED.

THESE ARE HARD FACTS


HOW SO?
BECAUSE THIS INFORMATION IS FROM THE "DAN UI GUILD" WHICH IS BASICALLY A BIG PART OF THE NINTH GATE.


THEN IT SHOULD BE TRUE.


SO? WHO INSTALLED IT, AND WHY?
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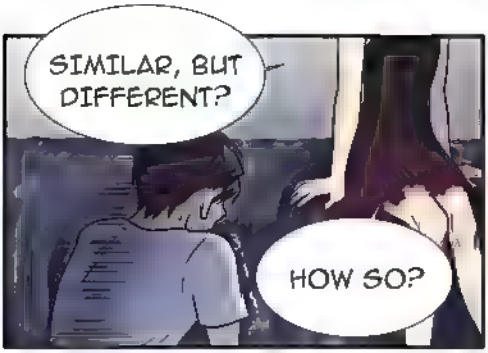
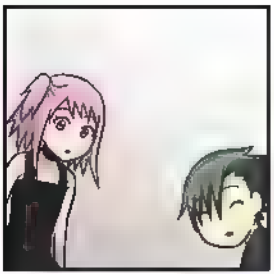

SIMILAR, BUT DIFFERENT?
HOW SO?

BECAUSE IT COLLECTS IDEA POWERS.

STOOOOP!
CAN ANYONE PLEASE EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT YOU GUYS ARE TALKING ABOUT? PLEASE?
SCREAM



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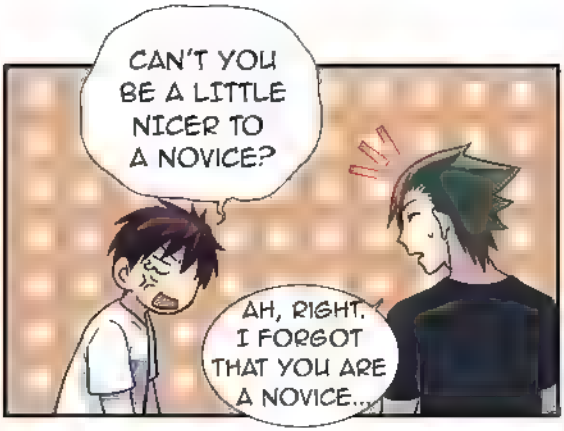
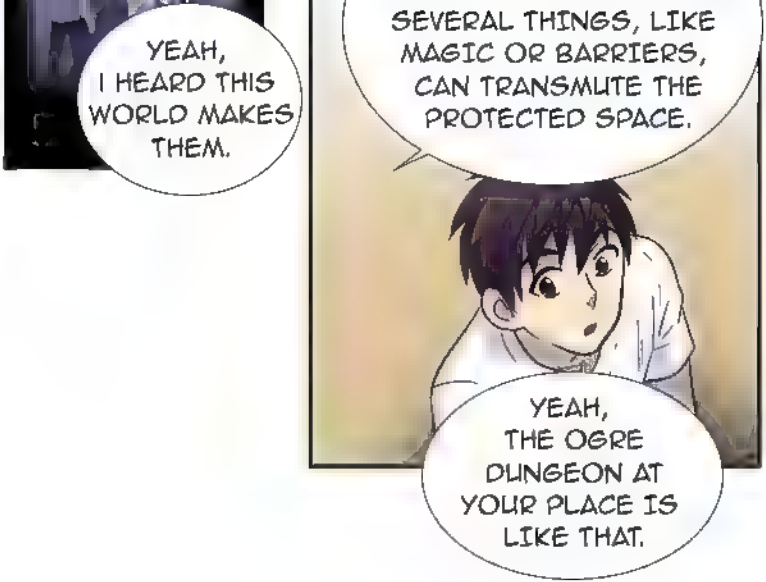
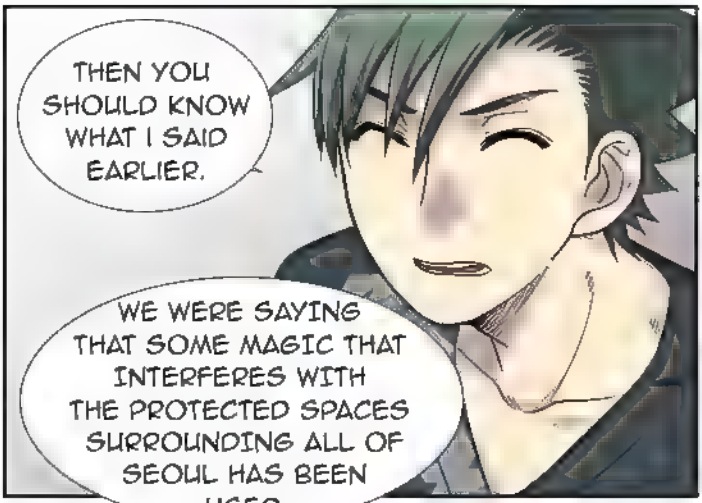
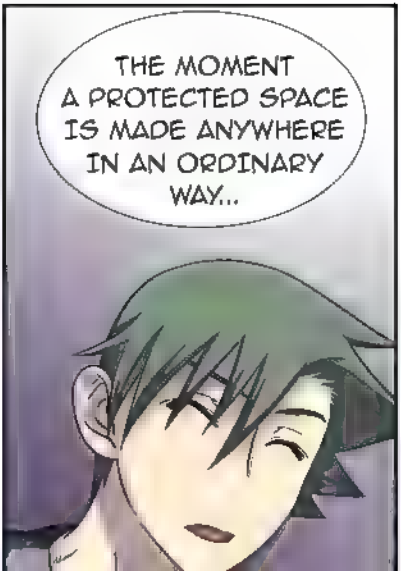
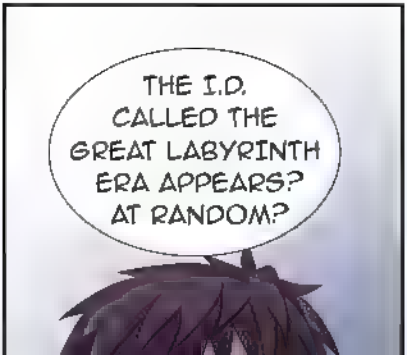

CAN'T YOU BE A LITTLE NICER TO A NOVICE?
AH, RIGHT. I FORGOT THAT YOU ARE A NOVICE...

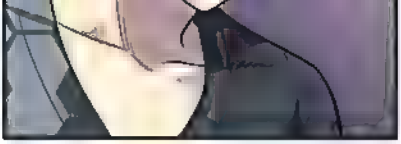
YOU KNOW THERE ARE PROTECTED SPACES, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT. AND I ASSUME THAT YOU ALSO KNOW USING

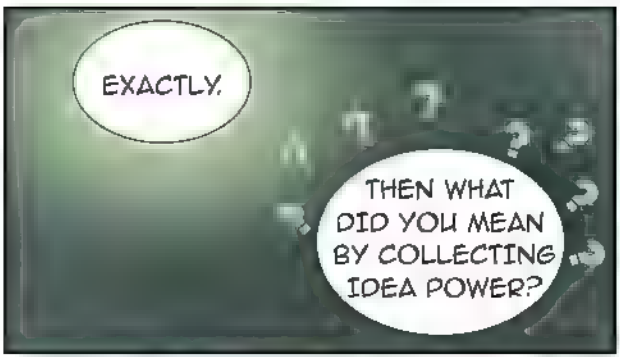

YEAH, I HEARD THIS WORLD MAKES THEM.
SEVERAL THINGS, LIKE MAGIC OR BARRIERS, CAN TRANSMUTE THE PROTECTED SPACE.
YEAH, THE OGRE DUNGEON AT YOUR PLACE IS LIKE THAT.

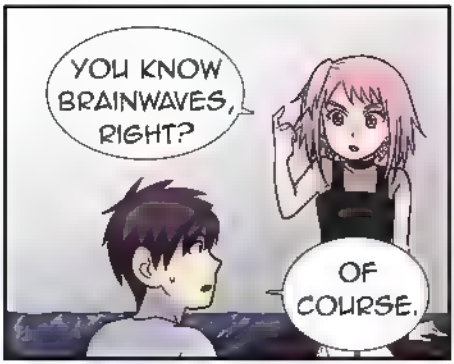

THEN YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT I SAID EARLIER.
WE WERE SAYING THAT SOME MAGIC THAT INTERFERES WITH THE PROTECTED SPACES SURROUNDING ALL OF SEOUL HAS BEEN USED.

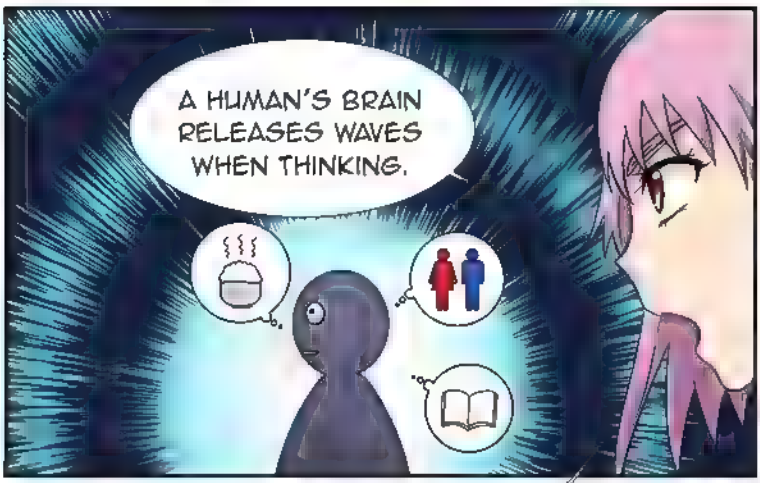

THE MOMENT A PROTECTED SPACE IS MADE ANYWHERE IN AN ORDINARY WAY...

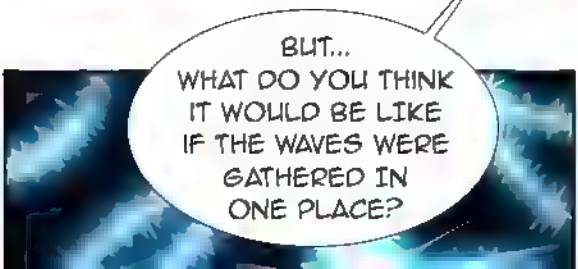

THE I.D. CALLED THE GREAT LABYRINTH ERA APPEARS? AT RANDOM?

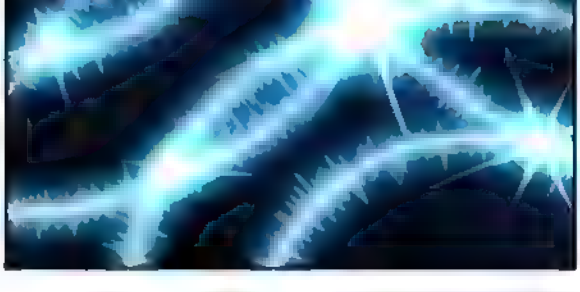



EXACTLY.
THEN WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY COLLECTING IDEA POWER?


YOU KNOW BRAINWAVES, RIGHT?
OF COURSE.

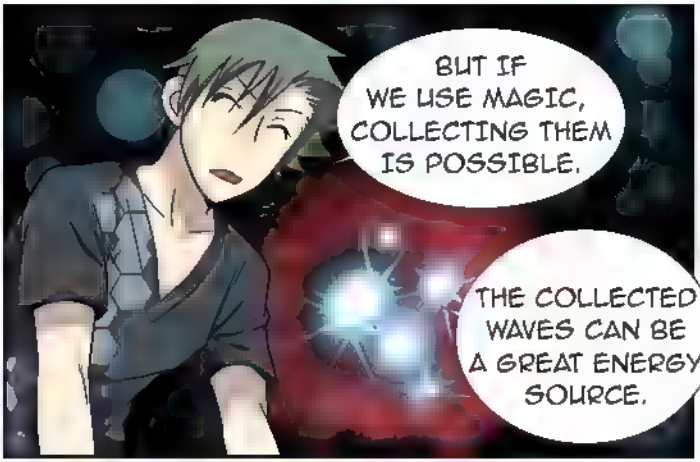

A HUMAN'S BRAIN RELEASES WAVES WHEN THINKING.


BUT... WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE LIKE IF THE WAVES WERE GATHERED IN ONE PLACE?

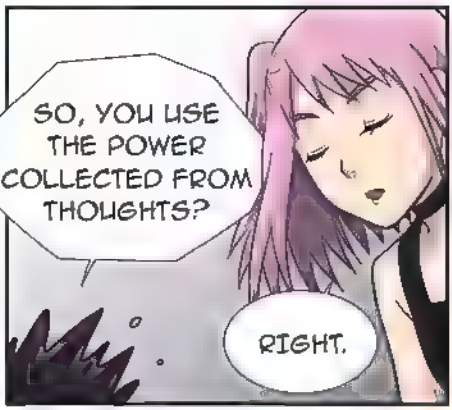


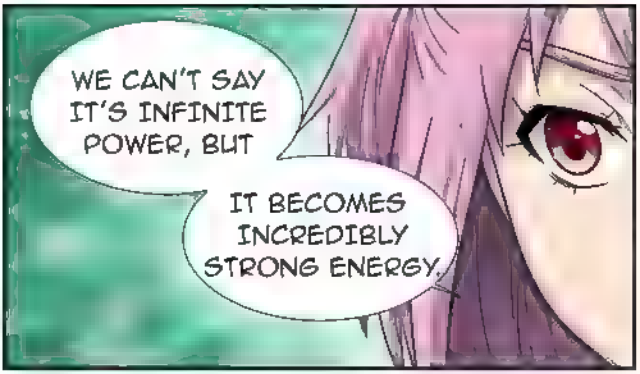
HUH?

THAT'S WHAT IDEA POWER IS.
PEOPLE'S BRAINWAVES.
THE TRACE OF POWER THAT IS LEAKED FROM IDEAS.
IF WE JUST LEAVE THEM, THEY DISAPPEAR...

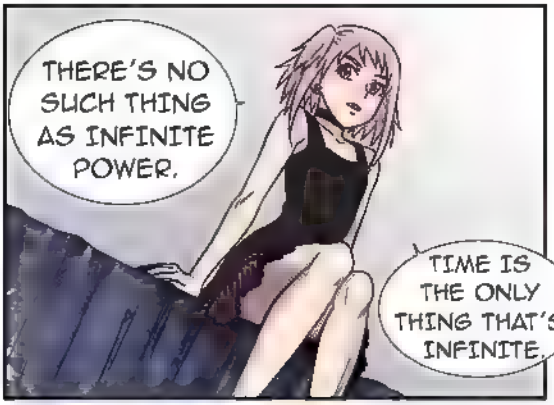

BUT IF WE USE MAGIC, COLLECTING THEM IS POSSIBLE.
THE COLLECTED WAVES CAN BE A GREAT ENERGY SOURCE.

WHAT IS THAT? IS THAT LIKE INFINITE POWER FROM SOMEWHERE?

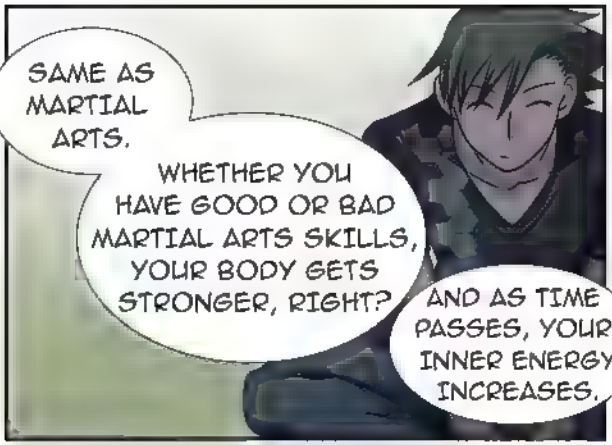

SO, YOU USE THE POWER COLLECTED FROM THOUGHTS?
RIGHT.

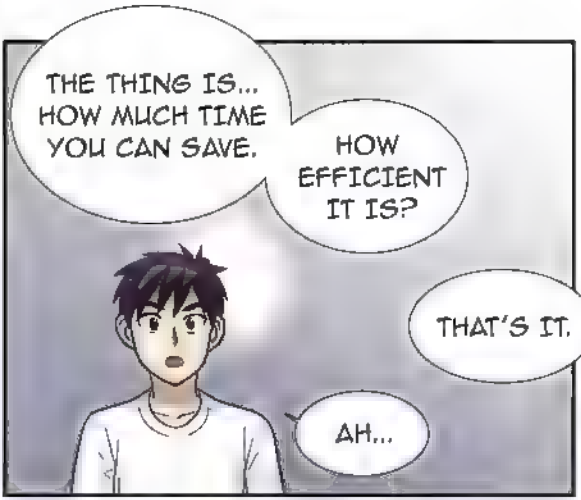

WE CAN'T SAY IT'S INFINITE POWER, BUT
IT BECOMES INCREDIBLY STRONG ENERGY.

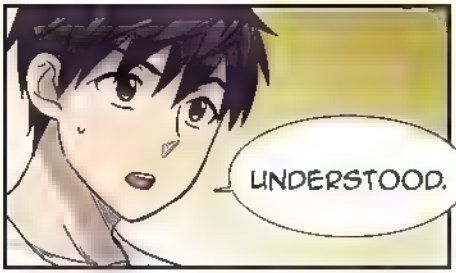
JIHAN. REMEMBER THIS.

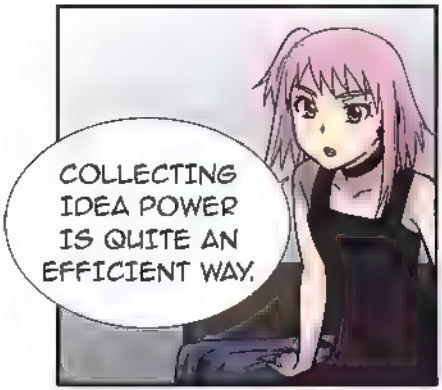

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS INFINITE POWER.
TIME IS THE ONLY THING THAT'S INFINITE.

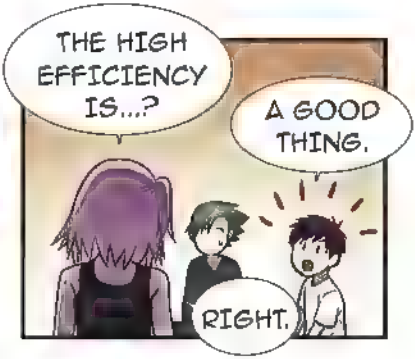
THE MYSTERIES OF THE ABYSS DO SEVERAL THINGS.
AND WHEN YOU USE TIME...
IT ALWAYS YIELDS RESULTS.

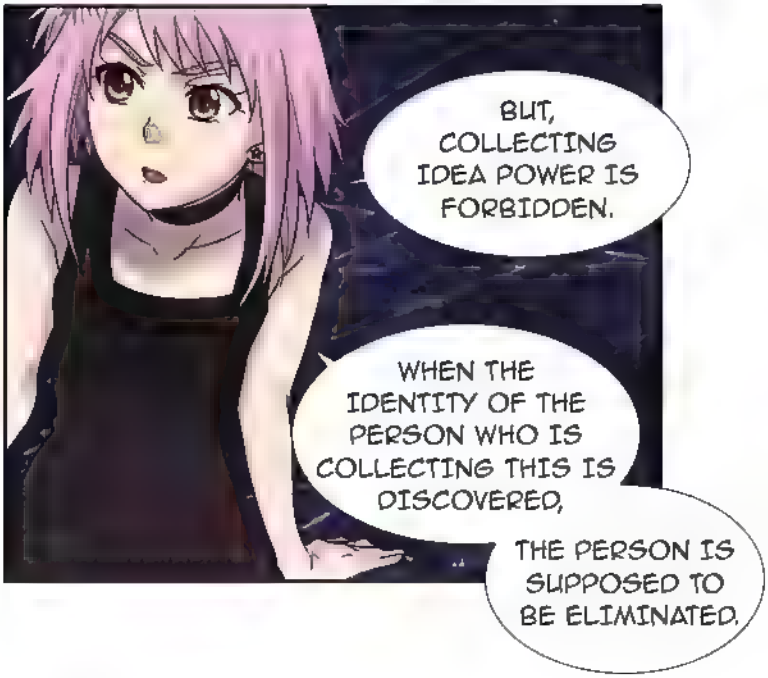

SAME AS MARTIAL ARTS.
WHETHER YOU HAVE GOOD OR BAD MARTIAL ARTS SKILLS, YOUR BODY GETS STRONGER, RIGHT?
AND AS TIME PASSES, YOUR INNER ENERGY INCREASES.


THE THING IS... HOW MUCH TIME YOU CAN SAVE.
HOW EFFICIENT IT IS?
THAT'S IT.
AH...


UNDERSTOOD.

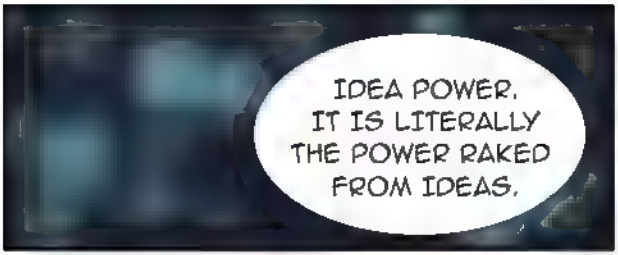

COLLECTING IDEA POWER IS QUITE AN EFFICIENT WAY.


THE HIGH EFFICIENCY IS...?
A GOOD THING.
RIGHT.


BUT, COLLECTING IDEA POWER IS FORBIDDEN.
WHEN THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON WHO IS COLLECTING THIS IS DISCOVERED,
THE PERSON IS SUPPOSED TO BE ELIMINATED.

HUH? WHY?

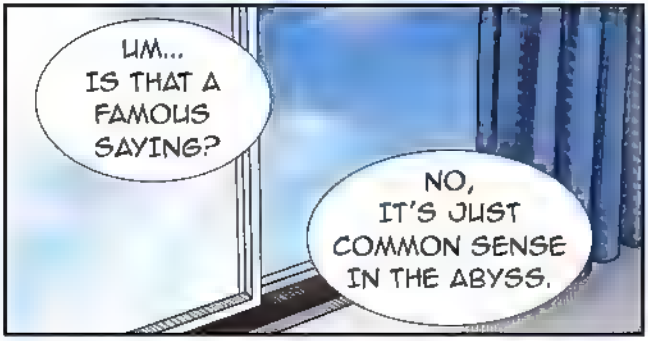
BECAUSE IT'S DANGEROUS.


IDEA POWER.
IT IS LITERALLY
THE POWER RAKED
FROM IDEAS.

IF YOU
COLLECT IT,
AN "EVIL SPIRIT"
IS CREATED.

AN EVIL SPIRIT?

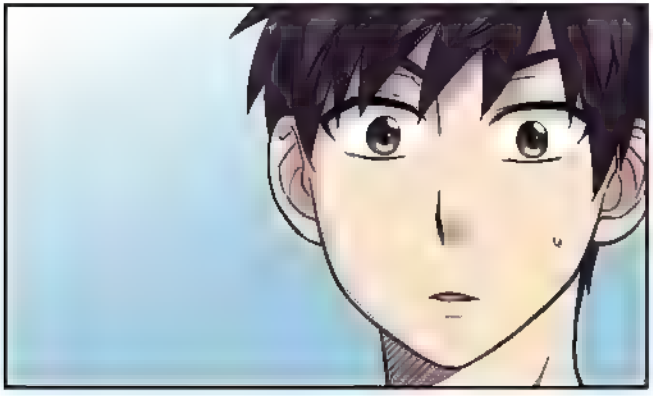
GODS ONLY EXIST BECAUSE HUMANS BELIEVE IN THEM.
DO YOU KNOW THIS PHRASE?


UM...
IS THAT A FAMOUS SAYING?
NO, IT'S JUST COMMON SENSE IN THE ABYSS.

GODS EXIST.
ALTHOUGH THEY DON'T CREATE THE WORLD OR USE GREAT POWER TO TWIST CAUSES AND EFFECTS.

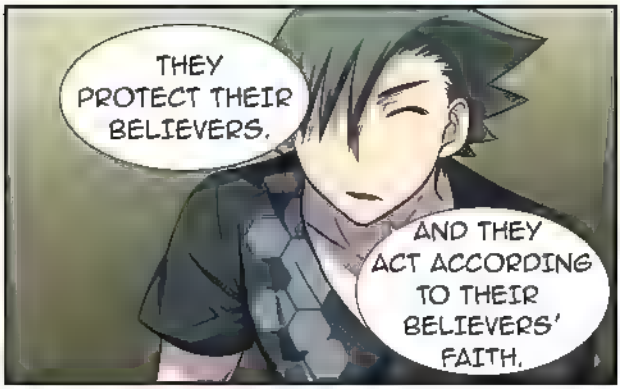
PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS, PIECES OF IDEAS, AND BELIEFS.
WHEN THOSE THINGS ARE COLLECTED...
THEY CAN BE BORN.

I MEAN, THE EXISTENCE OF GODS.



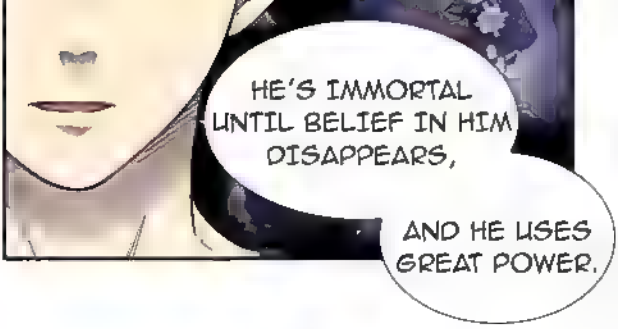
UM...
IS THAT
TRUE?
YES.

THEN... WHAT DO THEY DO?


THEY PROTECT THEIR BELIEVERS.
AND THEY ACT ACCORDING TO THEIR BELIEVERS' FAITH.

YOU FOUGHT THE COMPANY BEFORE, RIGHT?
YEAH...

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY CAN BE SEEN AS A KIND OF GOD.


HE'S IMMORTAL UNTIL BELIEF IN HIM DISAPPEARS,
AND HE USES GREAT POWER.

IN OUR MODERN ECONOMIC SOCIETY,
THE ONE WHO OWNS MONEY IS THE SUBJECT OF BELIEFS.

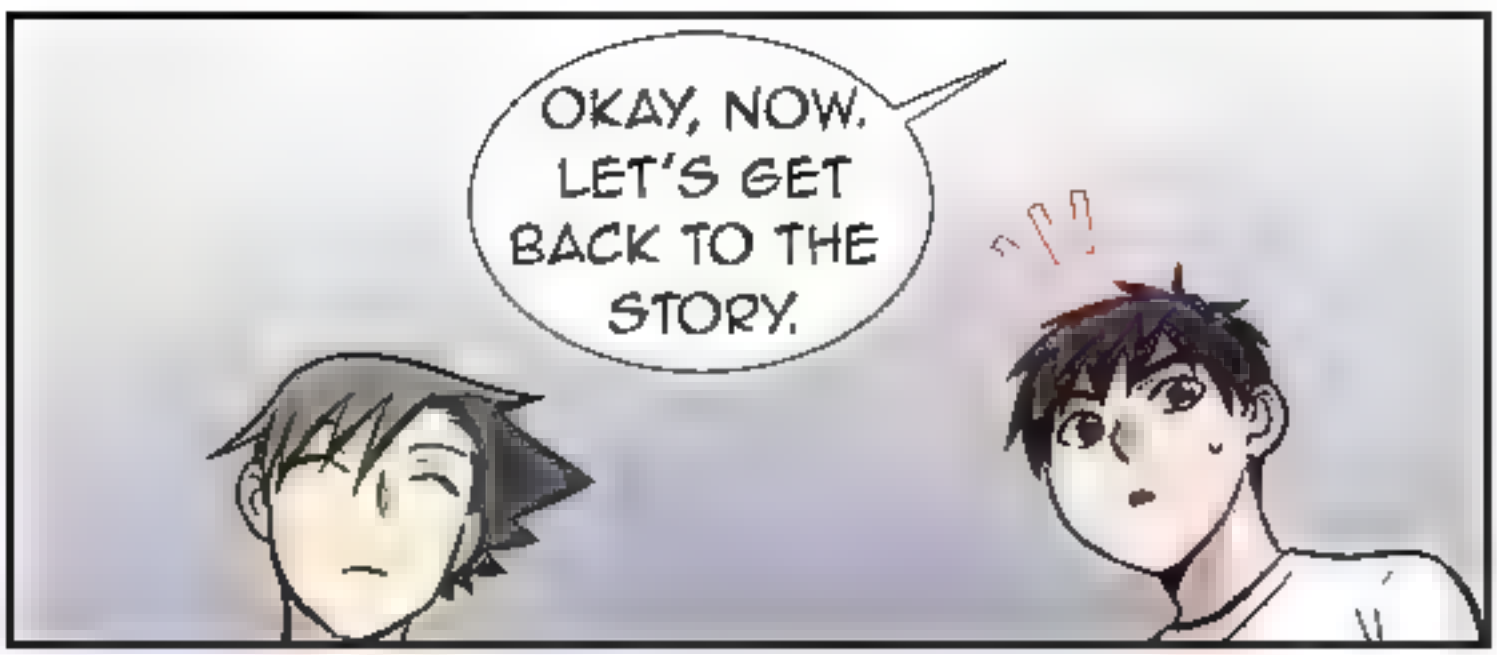
Y...YOU'RE SO PHILOSOPHICAL SOMEHOW...

LINE Webtoon

THE GAMER

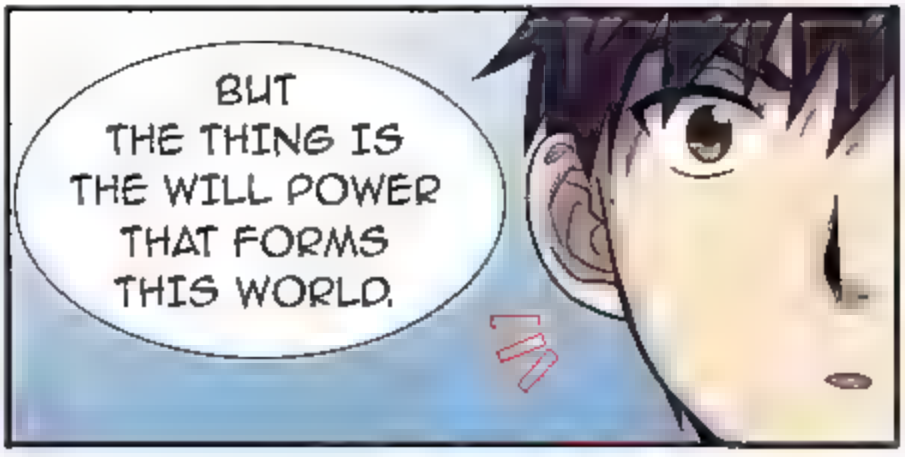
STORY BY SANGYOUNG SEONG
ILLUST BY SANG-A

<LALALA WITH MY MASTER IN A DUNGEON>

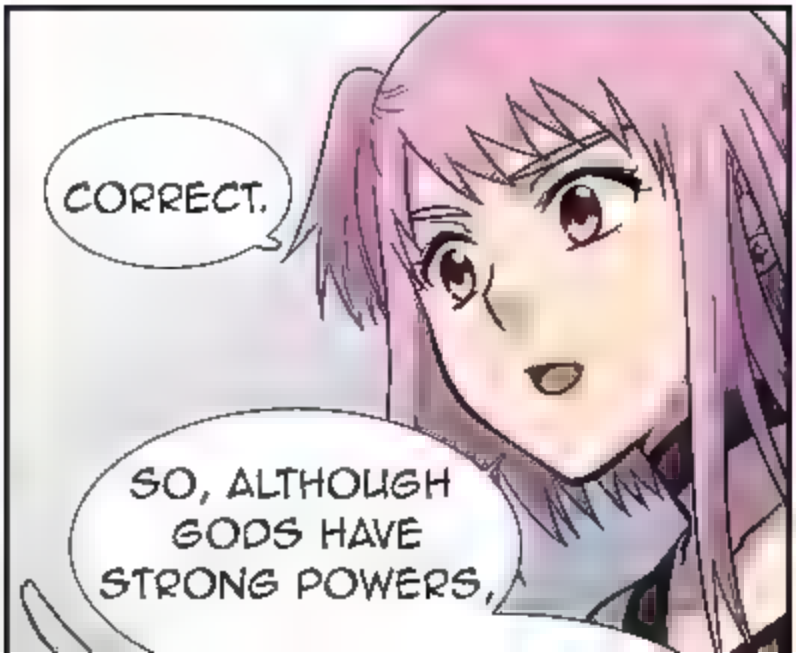


BELIEF CREATES POWERFUL BEINGS,
SO-CALLED GODS.

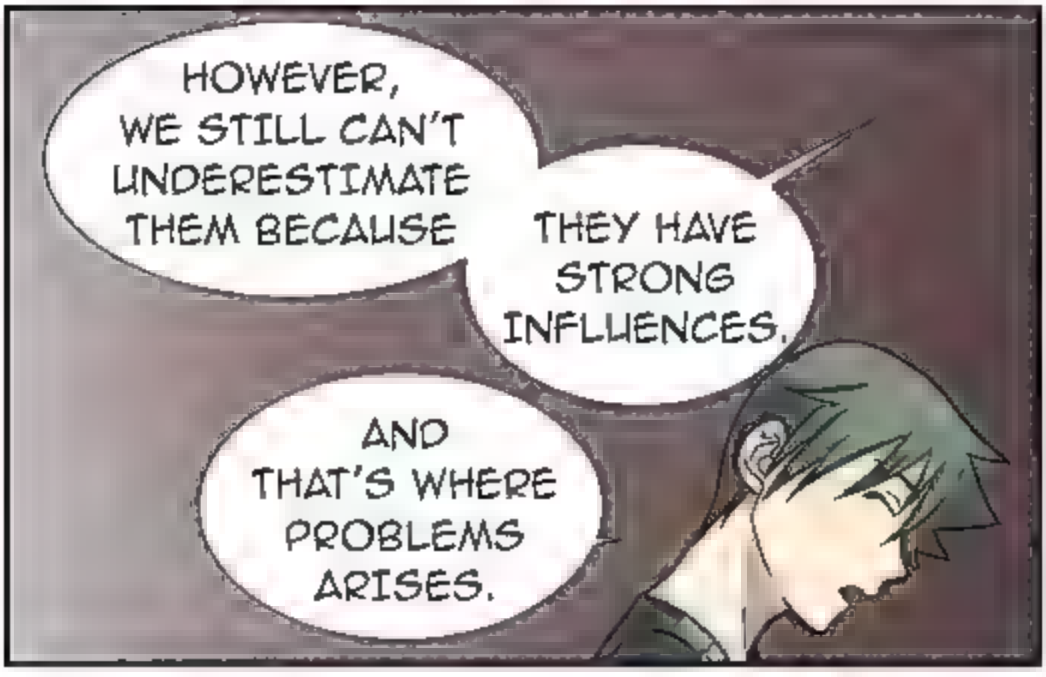
FOR EXAMPLE, LET'S SAY PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN ASURA, THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION, ARE IN THE ABYSS.
THEN THE GOD, WHOSE NAME IS ASURA, IS CREATED.
SHE MUST HAVE DESTRUCTIVE POWER, AS THEIR BELIEFS INDICATE.

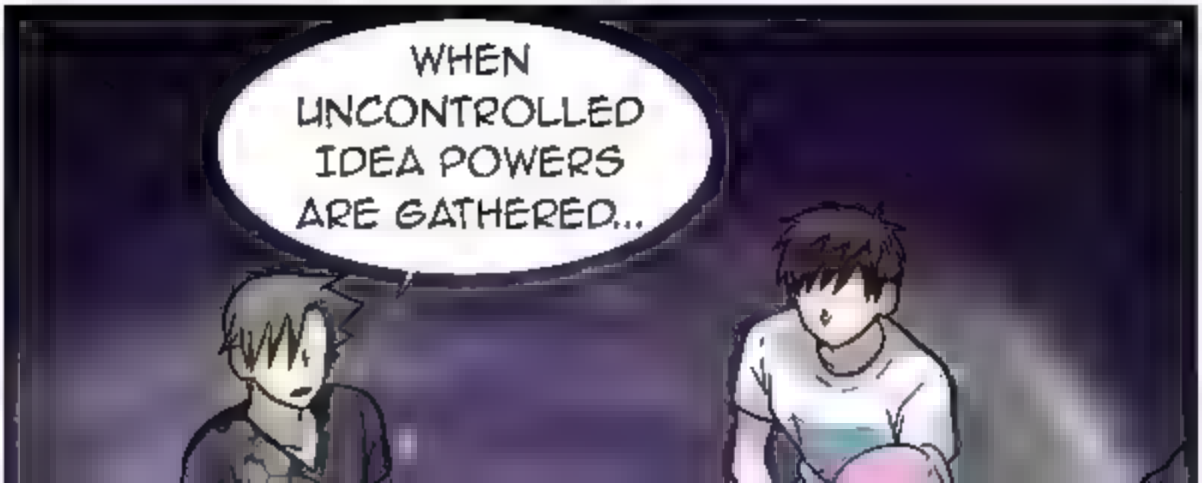

BUT
THE THING IS
THE WILL POWER
THAT FORMS
THIS WORLD.

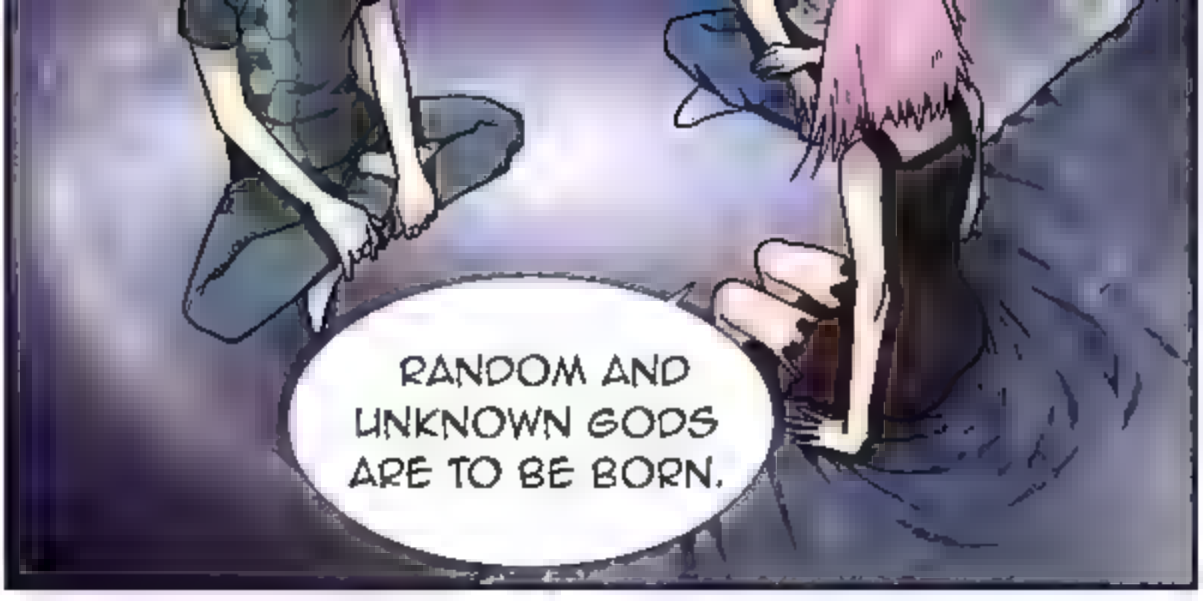
THE WILL
OF GAIA?


CORRECT.
SO, ALTHOUGH
GODS HAVE
STRONG POWERS,

THEY ONLY EXIST IN PROTECTED SPACES AND CAN'T COME OUTSIDE.


HOWEVER, WE STILL CAN'T UNDERESTIMATE THEM BECAUSE
THEY HAVE STRONG INFLUENCES.
AND THAT'S WHERE PROBLEMS ARISES.

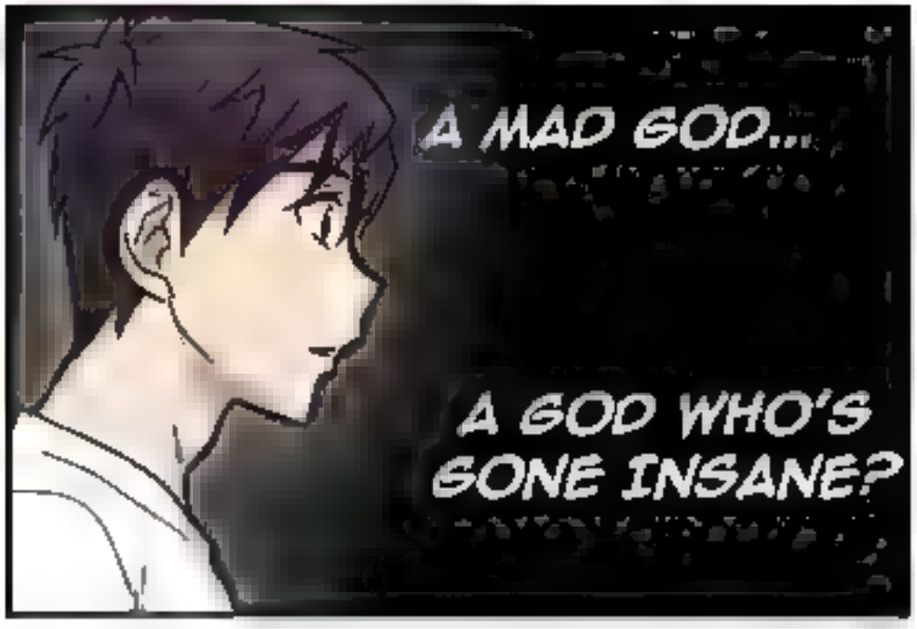

WHEN UNCONTROLLED IDEA POWERS ARE GATHERED...


RANDOM AND UNKNOWN GODS ARE TO BE BORN.

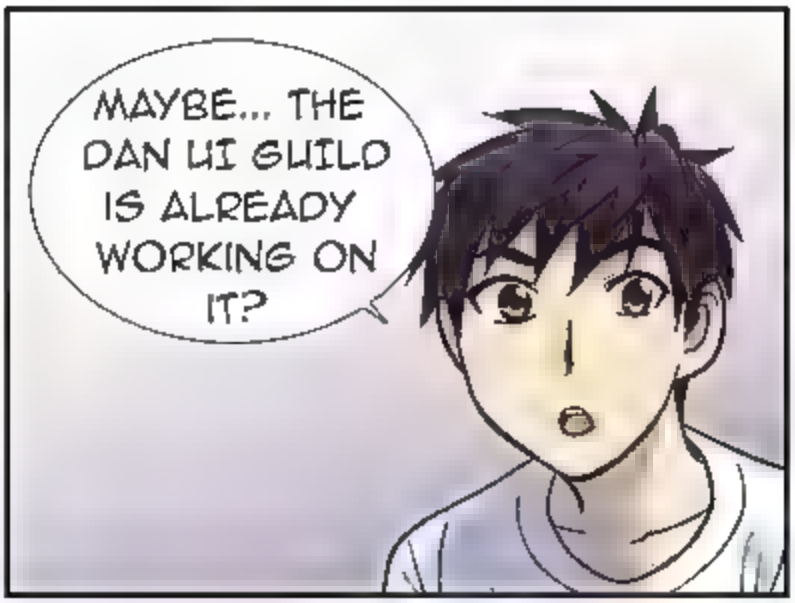
AH...
LIKE A RANDOM BOX IF I COMPARE IT WITH GAMES?
SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER WE WILL GET A GOOD ONE OR BAD ONE FROM IT.

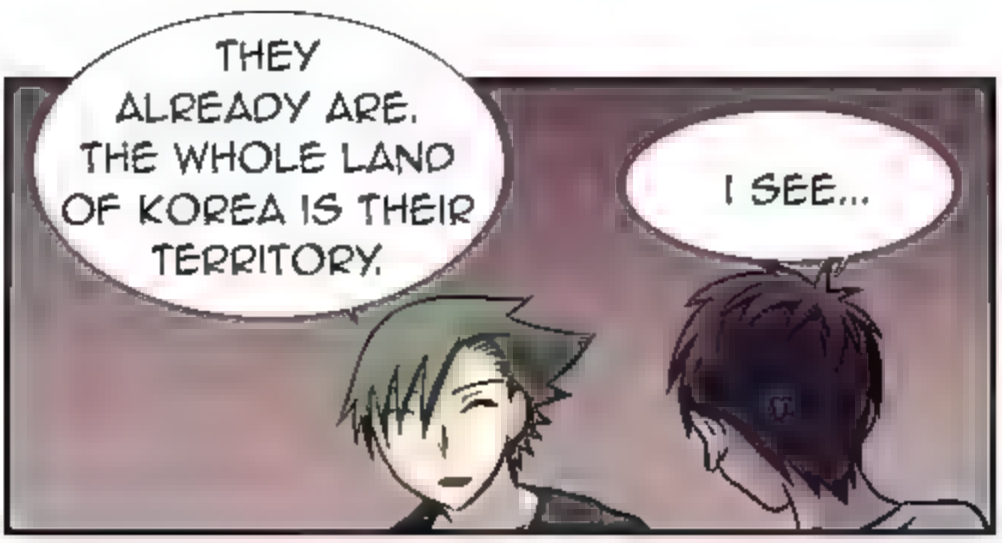
EVIL GODS ARE NOT THE WORST.
WE CAN AT LEAST CONTROL THEIR EVIL DOINGS...

IF A MAD GOD APPEARS...
IT IS A BIG PROBLEM.

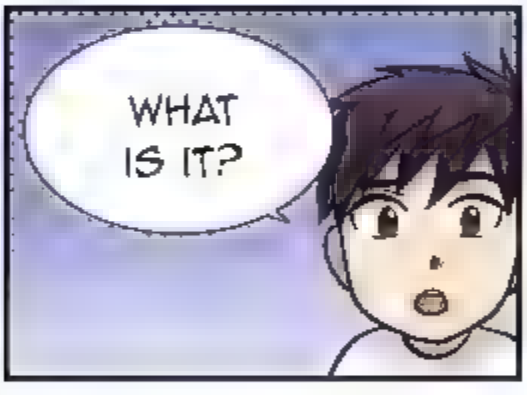

A MAD GOD...
A GOD WHO'S GONE INSANE?

ANYWAY... I DON'T KNOW WHO'S DOING THIS, BUT IT'S NOT GOOD.
IF THAT KIND OF A GOD AWAKENS... THIS WHOLE TOWN WILL BE A MESS.


MAYBE... THE DAN UI GUILD IS ALREADY WORKING ON IT?


THEY ALREADY ARE. THE WHOLE LAND OF KOREA IS THEIR TERRITORY.
I SEE...

ANYWAY...
THERE'S A REASON THAT I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THIS.


WHAT IS IT?

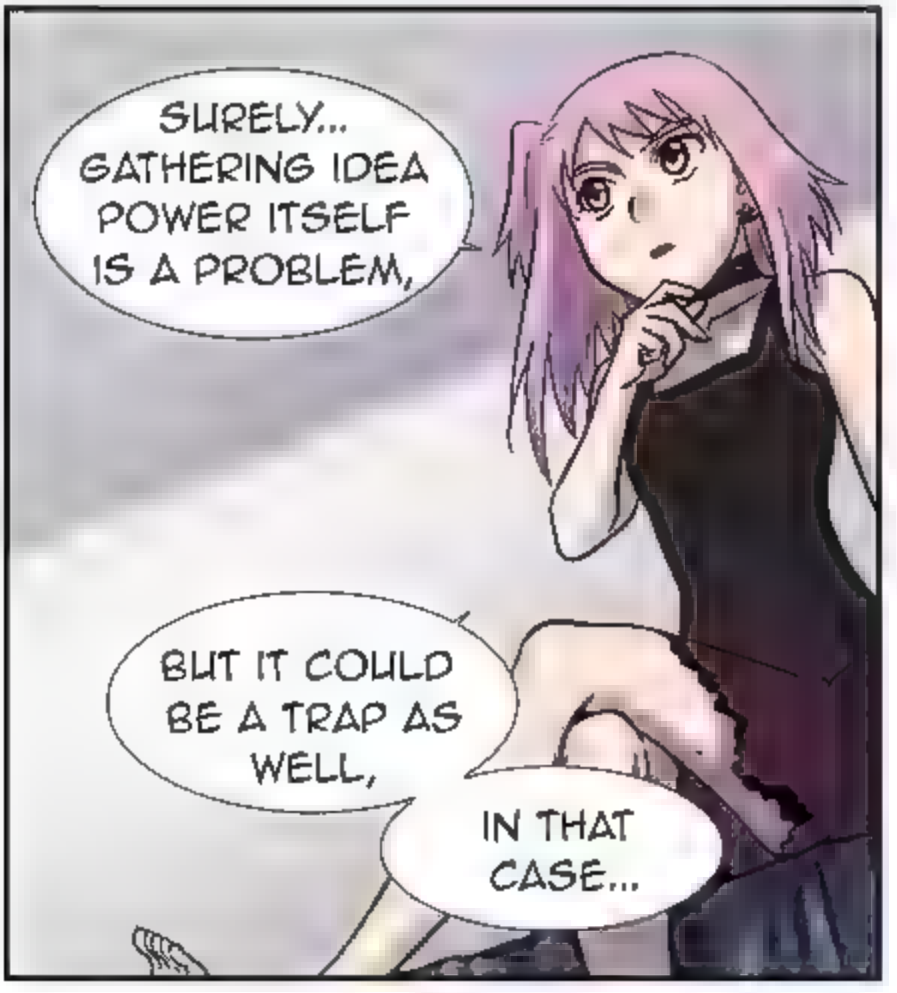
DON'T GO IN THERE.

IF YOU GO IN, IT WOULD BE LIKE DONATING YOUR IDEA POWER.

THE STRONGER A PERSON WHO GOES IN, THE MORE IDEA POWER THAT GETS LEAKED...

WHAT'S WORSE IS, NOBODY KNOWS WHAT'S IN THERE.

ARE YOU SAYING THAT IT MIGHT BE A TRAP...?
YES.

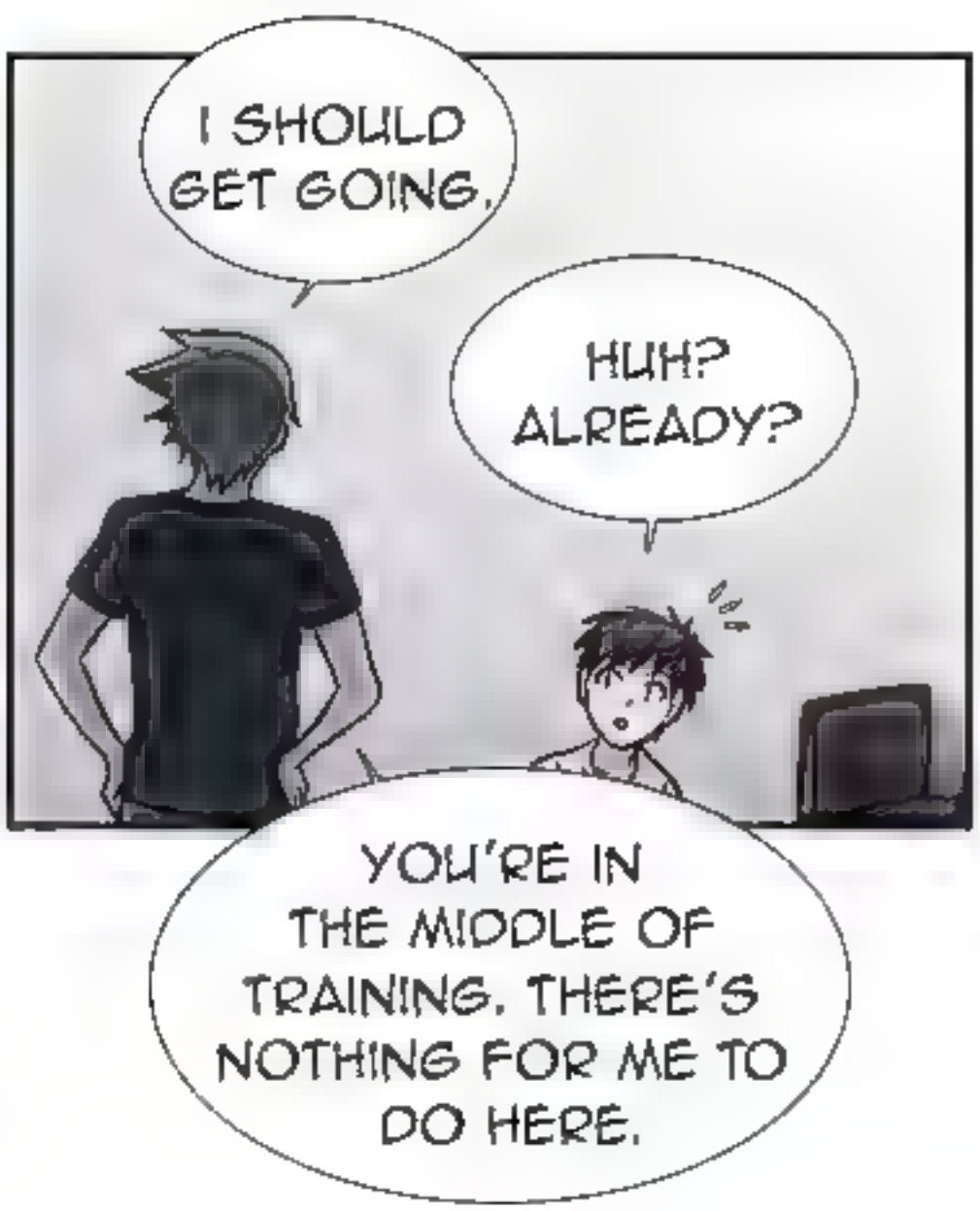

SURELY... GATHERING IDEA POWER ITSELF IS A PROBLEM,
BUT IT COULD BE A TRAP AS WELL,
IN THAT CASE...

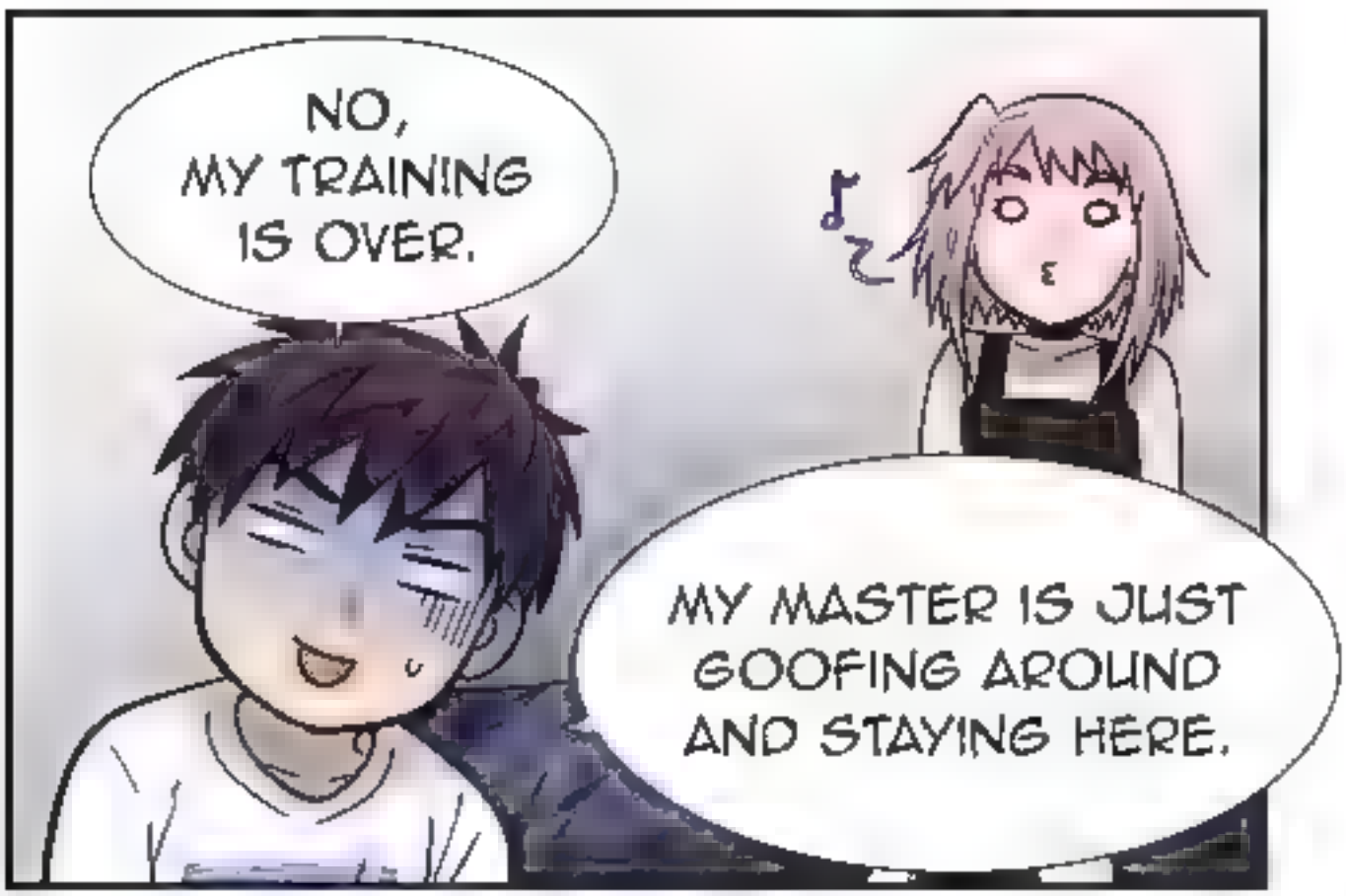
ANYONE WHO GOES IN MIGHT GET KILLED.

YOU COULD'VE TOLD ME THIS ON THE PHONE.

I ALSO WANTED TO CHECK ON YOU IN PERSON, TOO.
YEAH?

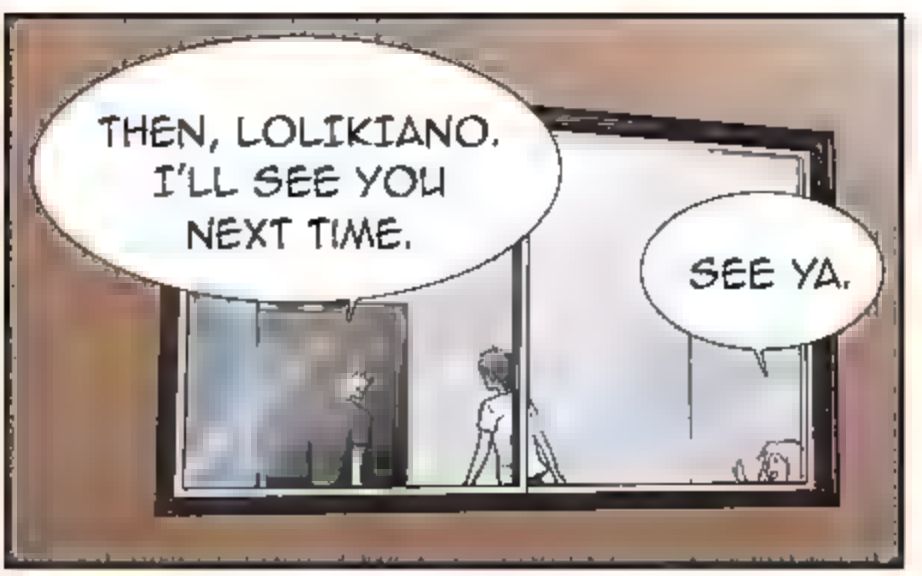
THEN...

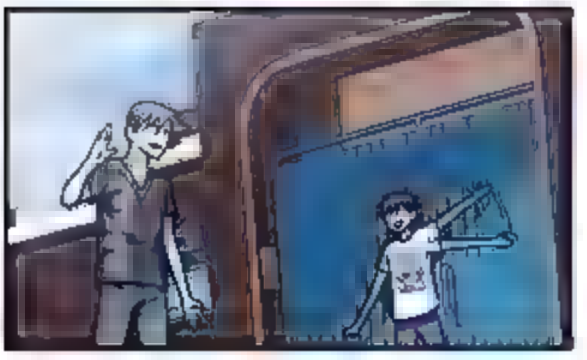

I SHOULD GET GOING.
HUH? ALREADY?
YOU'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF TRAINING. THERE'S NOTHING FOR ME TO DO HERE.

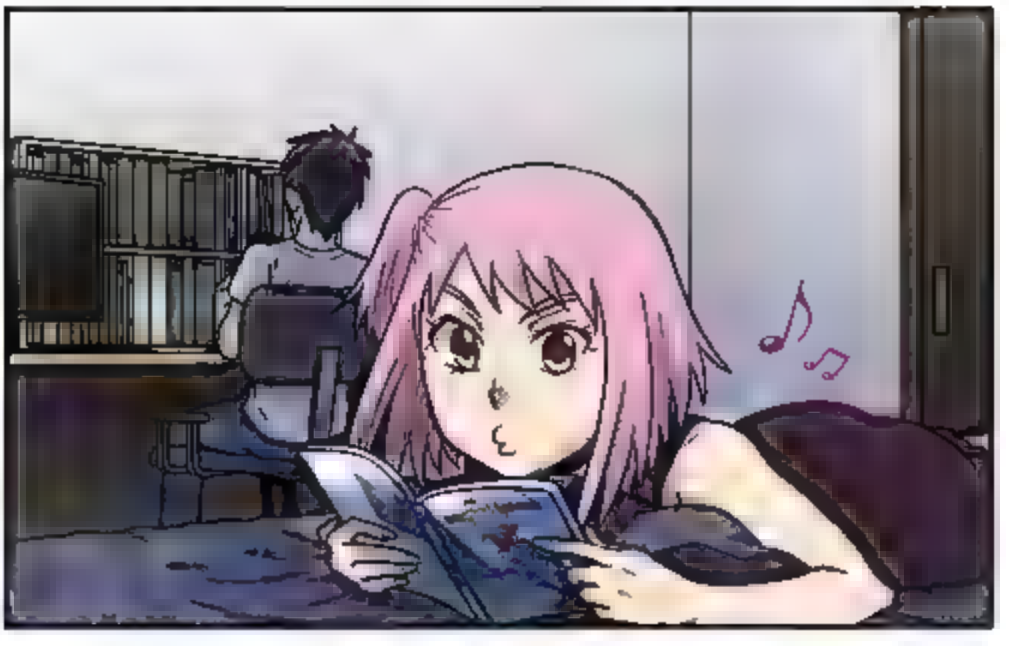

NO, MY TRAINING IS OVER.
MY MASTER IS JUST GOOFING AROUND AND STAYING HERE.

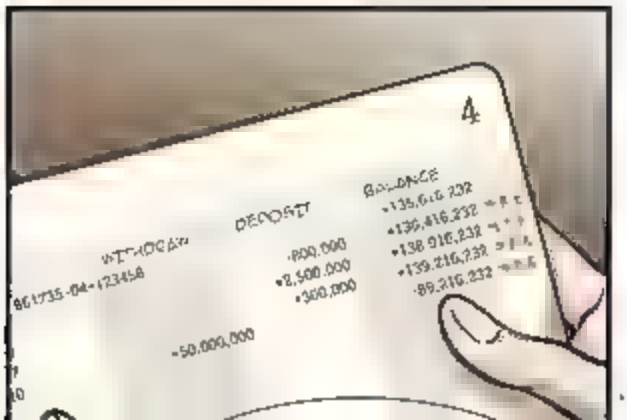
LEARN A LOT WHILE SHE'S NOT BUSY.
IT'LL BE GOOD FOR YOU.

FINE, DUDE.

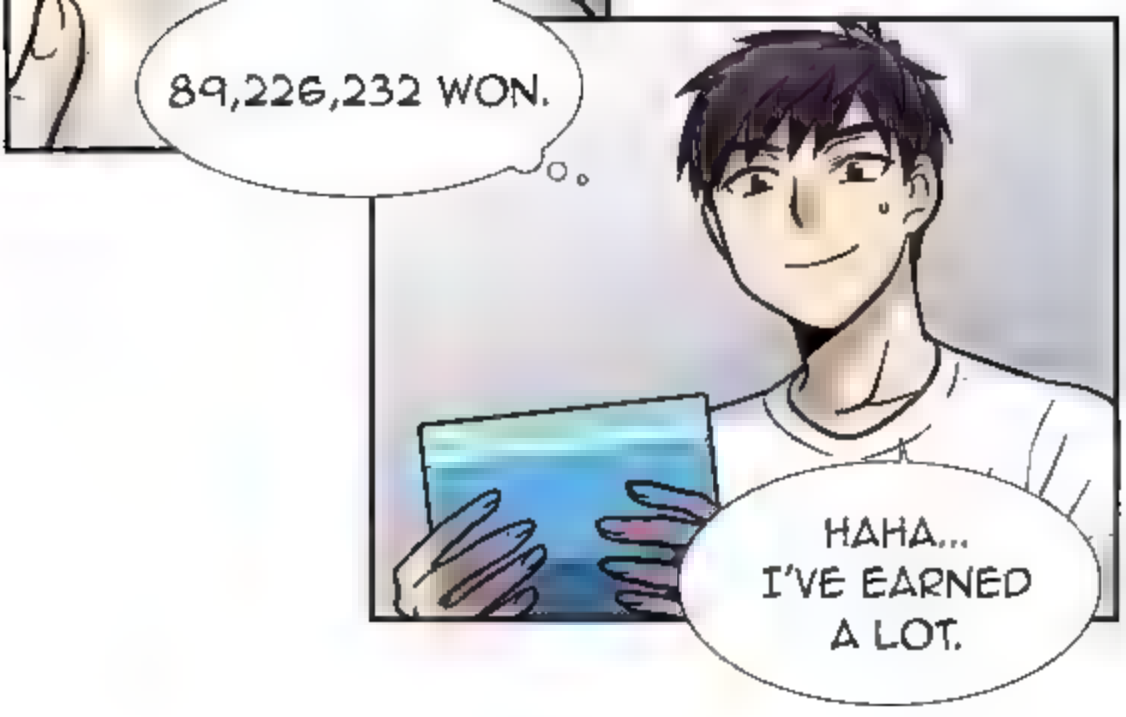

THEN, LOLIKIANO. I'LL SEE YOU NEXT TIME.
SEE YA.



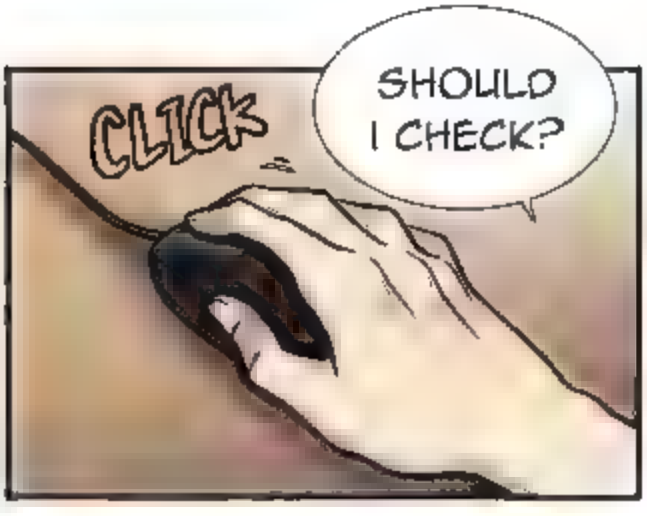




*(TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR = AROUND 1,000 WON

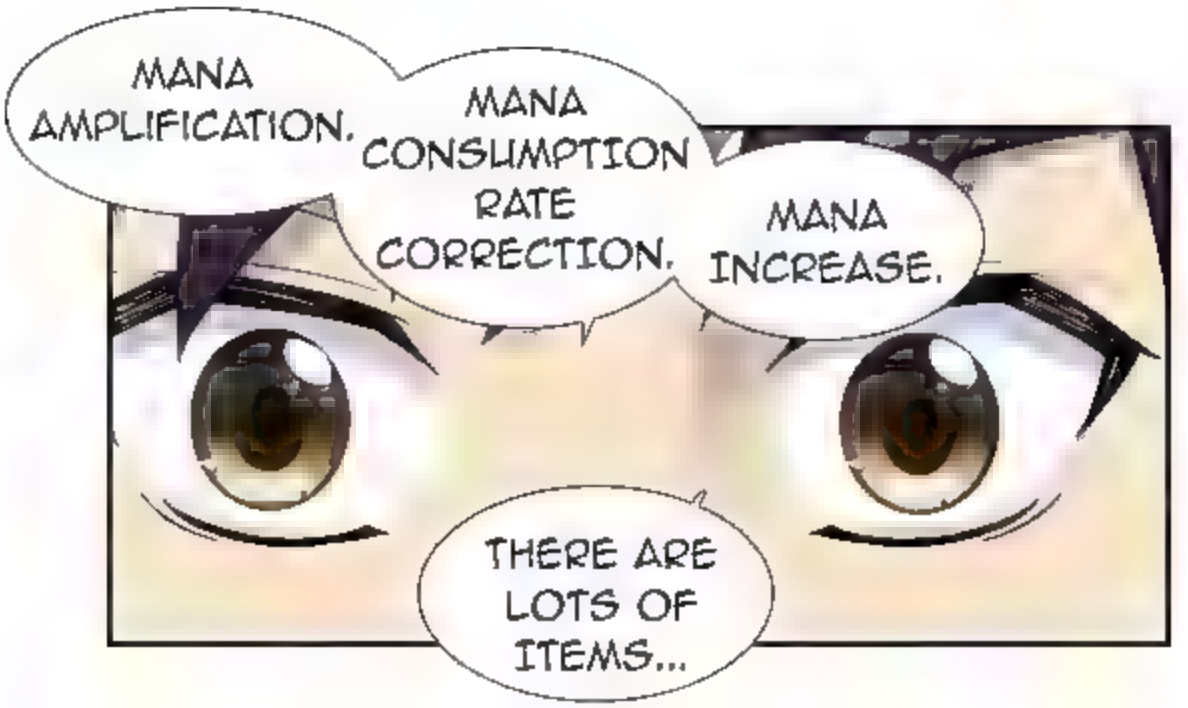

89,226,232 WON.
HAHA...
I'VE EARNED
A LOT.

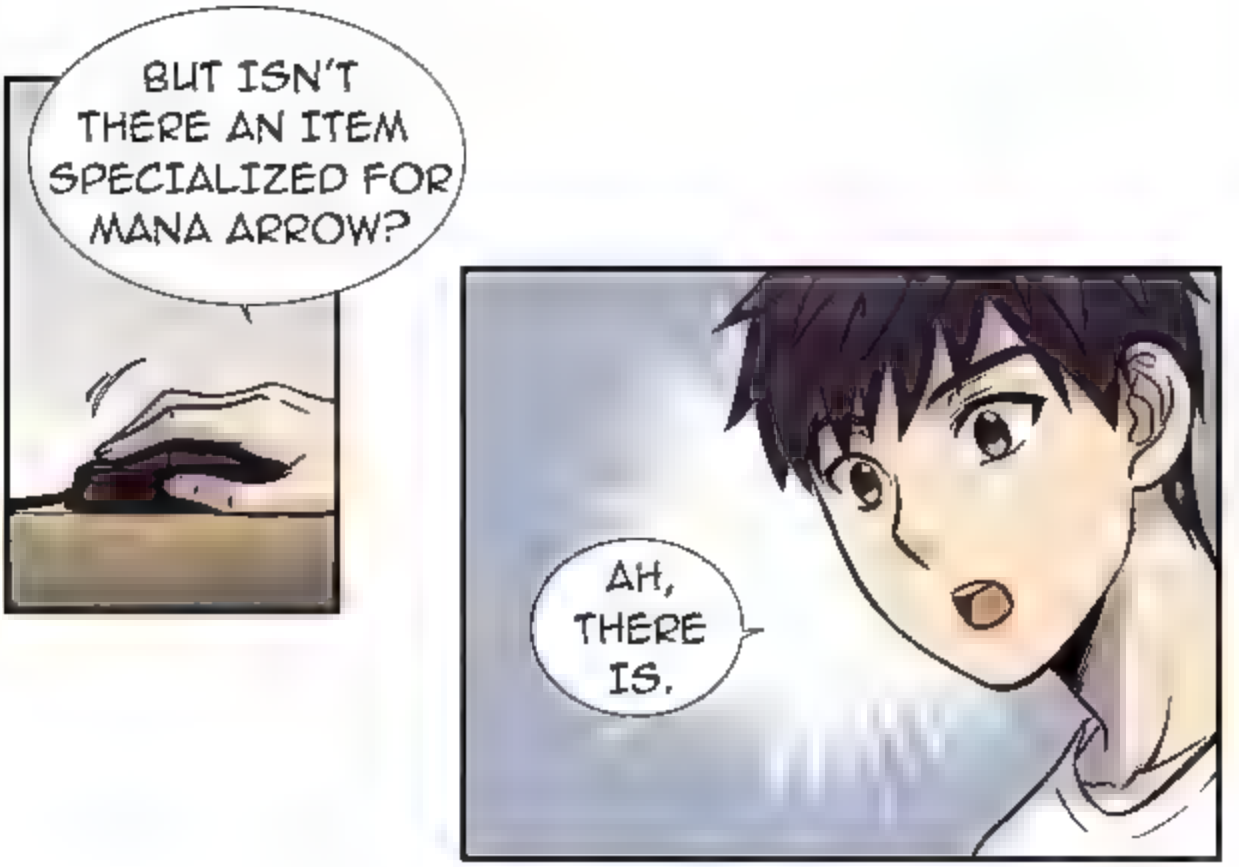
LOLIKIANO
TOLD ME
TO BUY SKILLS
AND TOOLS.


CLICK
SHOULD
I CHECK?

byss auctioN
MAGICIAN WEAPONS

THERE ARE THE CANES THAT THOSE BLACK ROCK MAGICIANS USED, WHICH I SOLD.
CLICK CLICK
LET'S SET THE BUDGET TO 50 MILLION WON...


MANA AMPLIFICATION.
MANA CONSUMPTION RATE CORRECTION.
MANA INCREASE.
THERE ARE LOTS OF ITEMS...



[AGLAXIS WAND]
THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT OF AGLAXIS, USED BY A GROUP OF MAGICIANS WHO SPECIALIZE IN LONG DISTANCE BATTLES HAS JUST COME IN!
THIS ITEM DECREASES MANA ARROW'S CONSUMPTION RATE BY HALF, AND IT DOUBLES ITS POWER!
A SPECIAL CRYSTAL MADE BY AGLAXIS MAKES THIS POSSIBLE!
PURCHASE IT NOW!
59,990,000 WON! THIS IS A GREAT CHANCE TO BUY THIS FOR LESS THAN 60 MILLION WON!

AWW... THIS.... ADVERTISEMENT SUCKS...

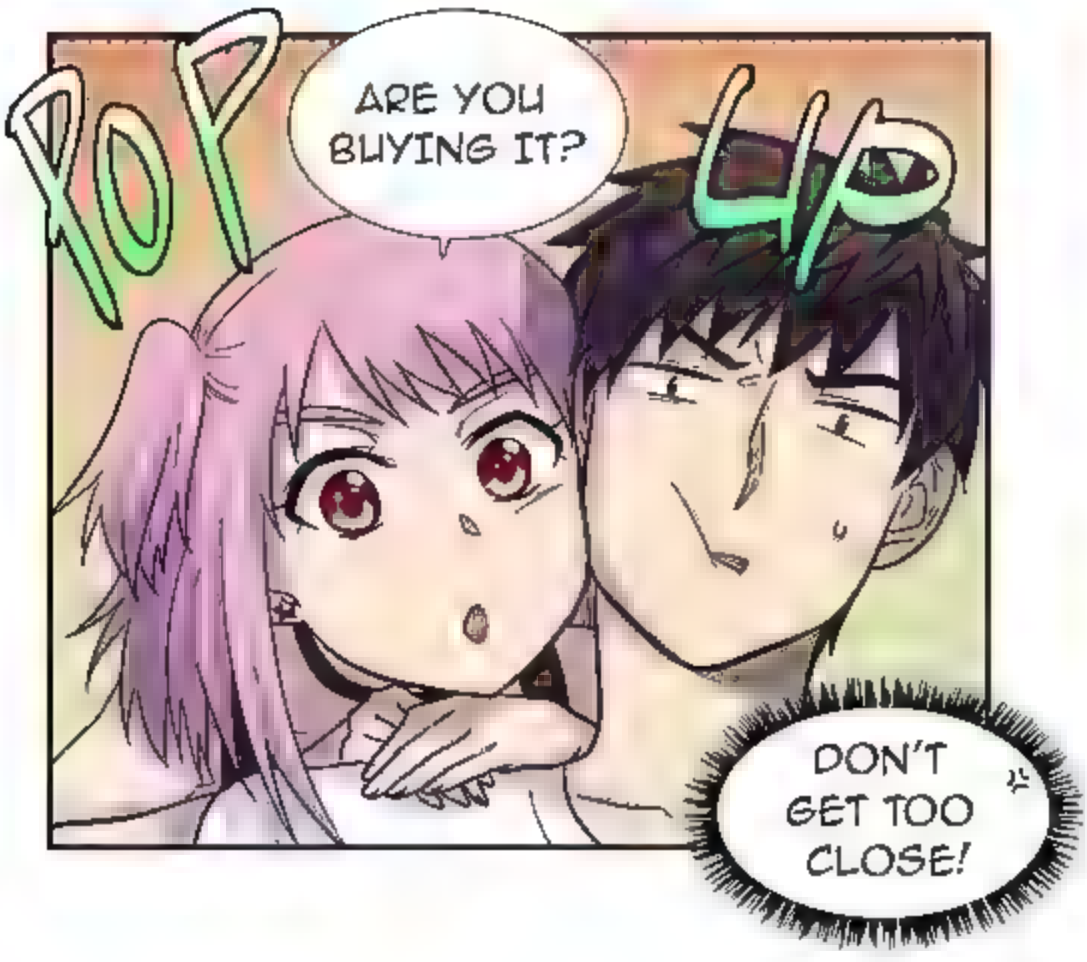
BUT ITS EFFECT ISN'T BAD AT ALL.

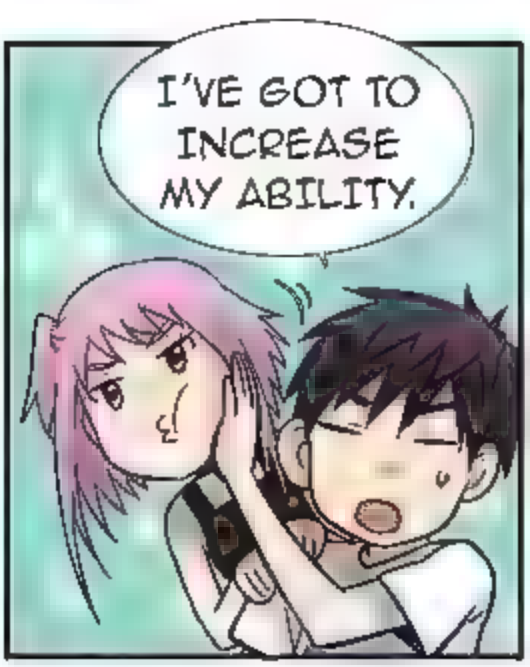
MY CURRENT MANA RECOVERY POWER IS QUITE HIGH.

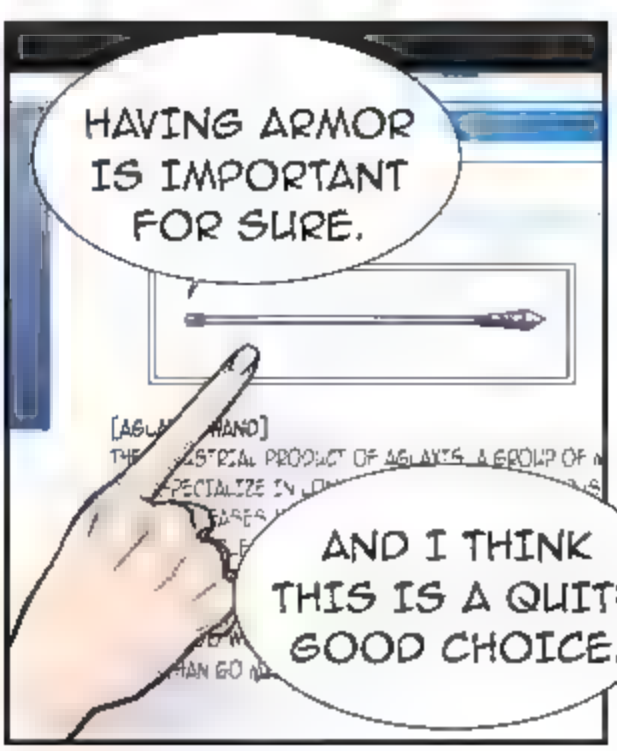
[AGLAXIS WAND]
THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT OF AGLAXIS, A GROUP OF
ONG DISTANCE BATTLE HAS JU
A ARROW'S CONSUMPTION RA
ES THIS P
PURCHASE IT

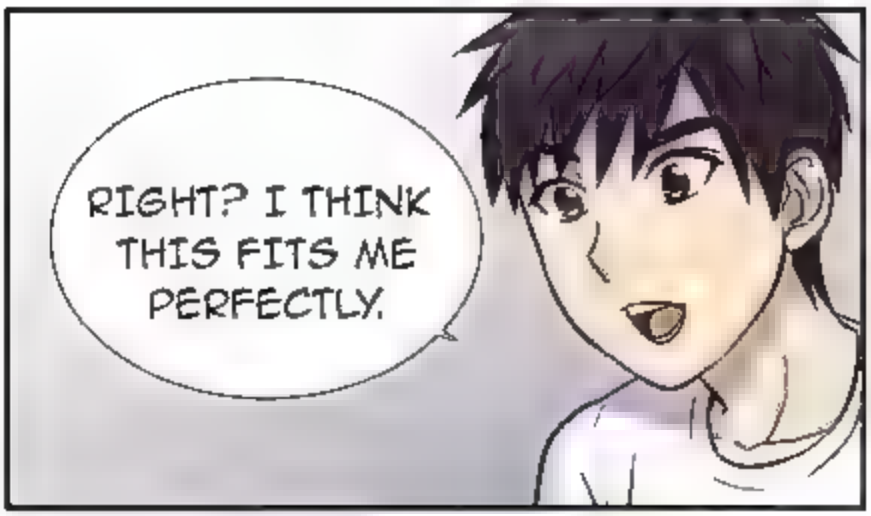
IF I USE THIS,

I CAN SHOOT MANA ARROWS ALMOST INFINITELY.


POP
UP
ARE YOU BUYING IT?
DON'T GET TOO CLOSE!


I'VE GOT TO INCREASE MY ABILITY.


HAVING ARMOR IS IMPORTANT FOR SURE.
AND I THINK THIS IS A QUITE GOOD CHOICE.

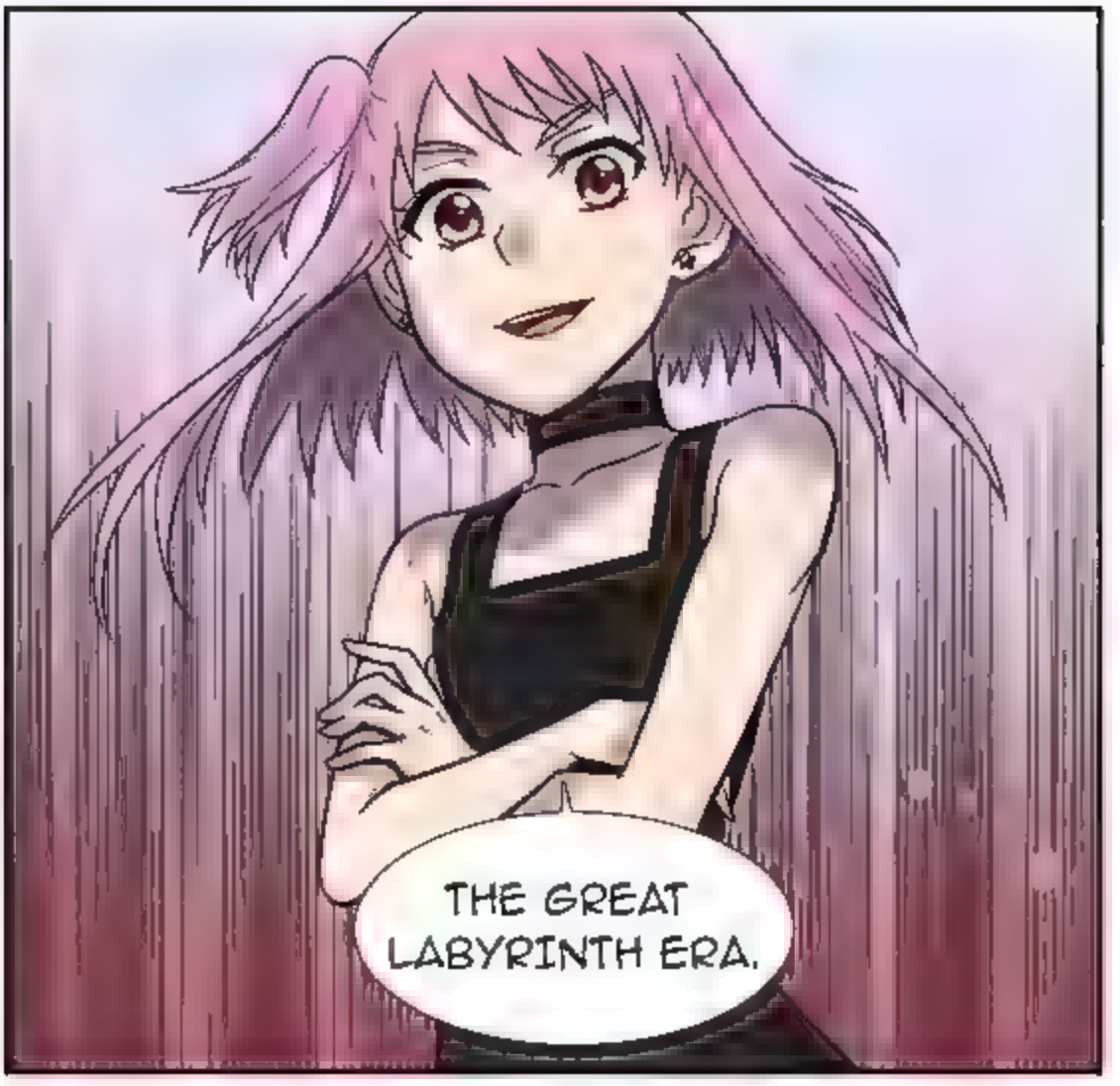

RIGHT? I THINK THIS FITS ME PERFECTLY.

YOU'RE SMART.
HEH HEH. THANK YOU.

THEN BUY IT NOW.
THEN LET'S DO SOME MINING.
WHAT?

EARLIER...
SEONIL TOLD YOU NOT TO GO IN,

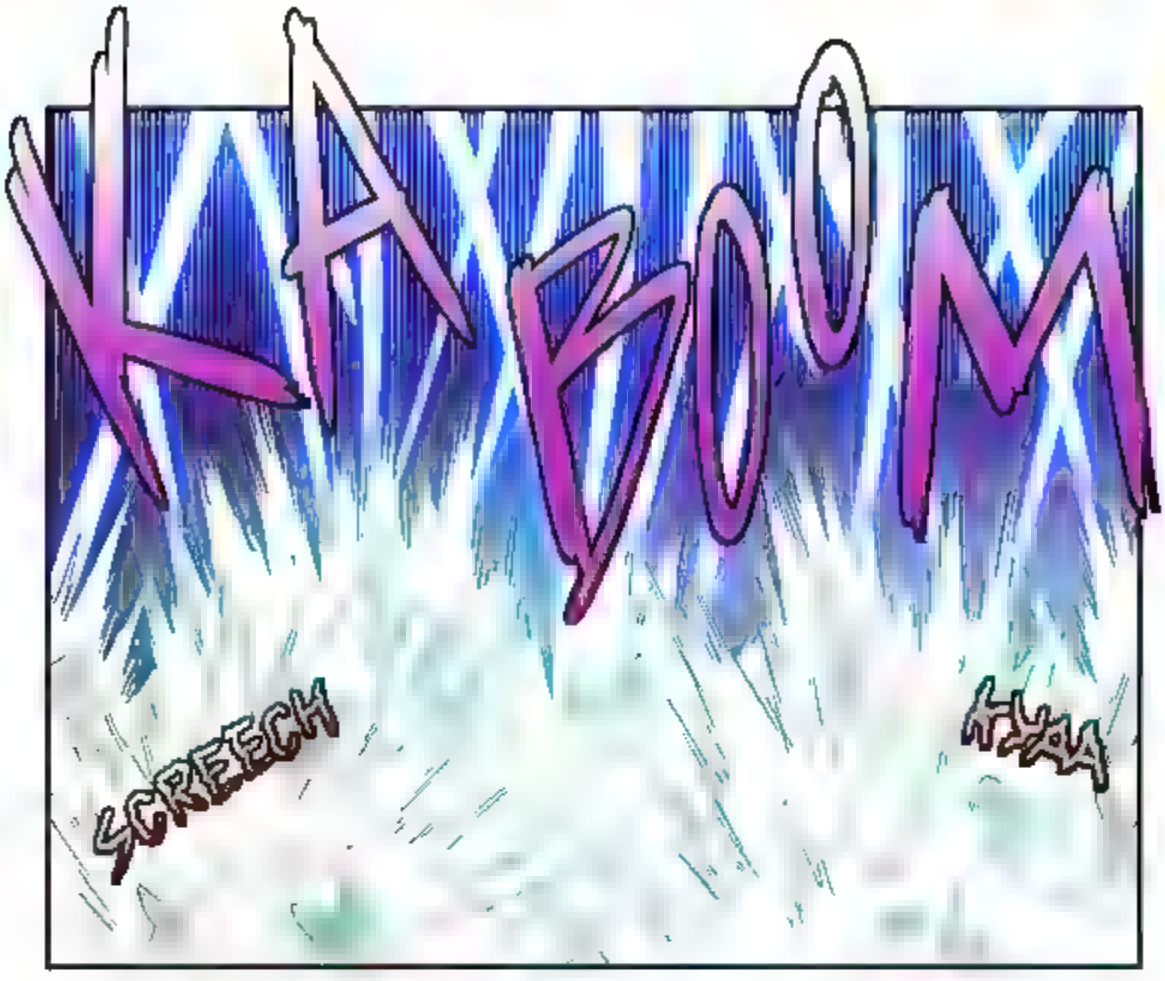
BUT I THINK IT'S WORTH GOING.
WHERE?



THE GAMER

AAAHRRRRRRRRRAAAAA!

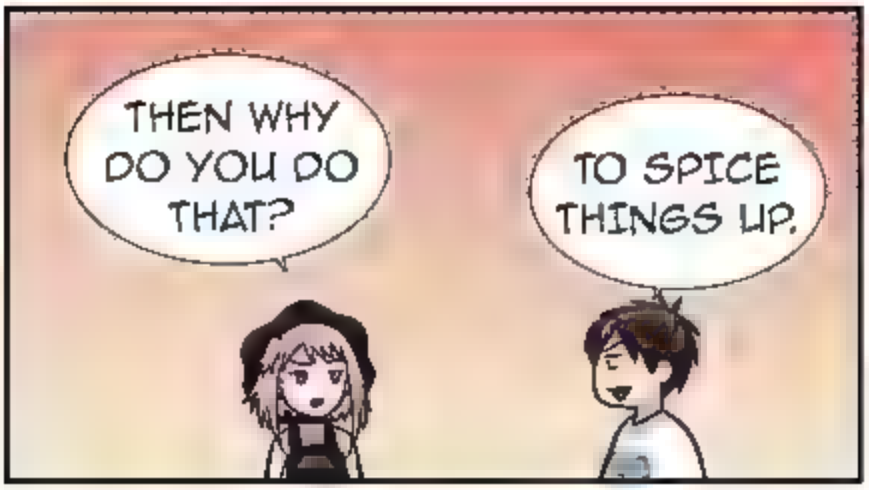
PHAT


KABOOM
SCREECH
AIYAA

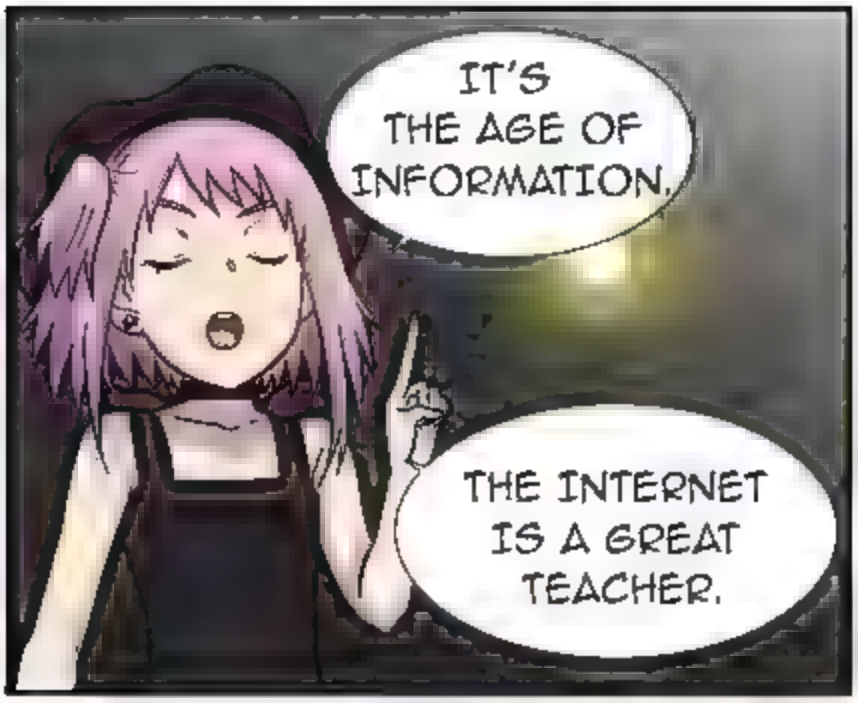
PSSSSH

LOOK.
IS THERE SOME SPECIAL MEANING IN THOSE SHRIEKS?

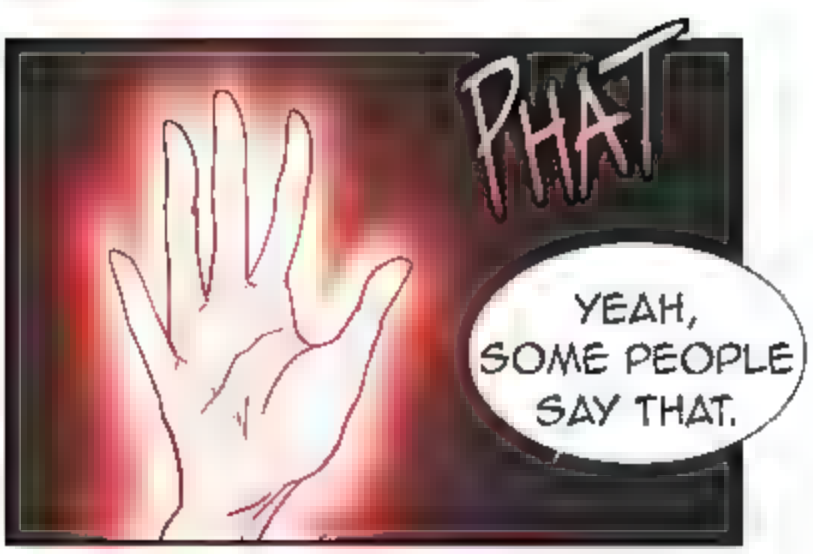
NO, NOT REALLY.


THEN WHY DO YOU DO THAT?
TO SPICE THINGS UP.

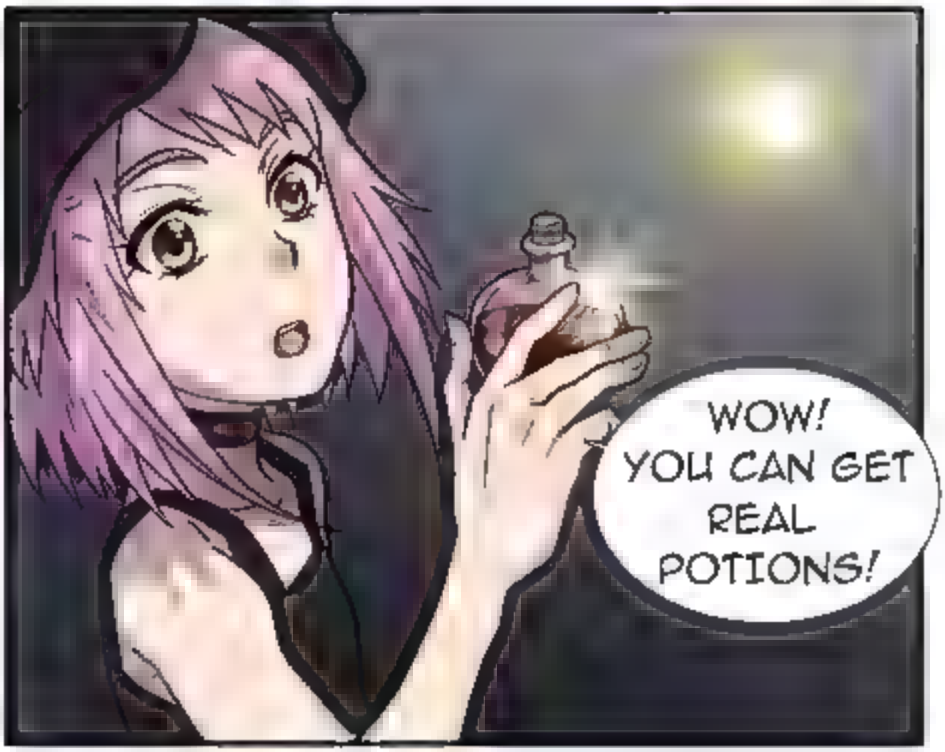
OMG... SUCH A PATHETIC LOSER.
WHERE DID YOU LEARN THAT KIND OF TERM?

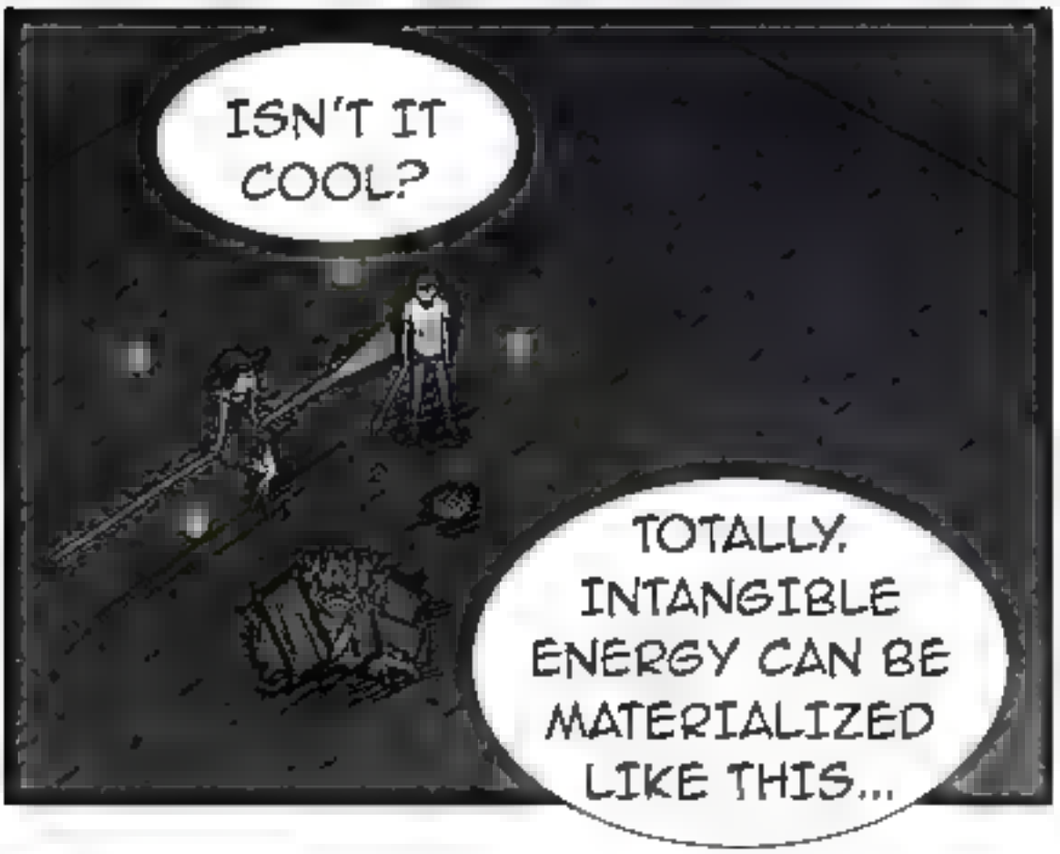

IT'S THE AGE OF INFORMATION.
THE INTERNET IS A GREAT TEACHER.

PEOPLE SAY TWI**ER IS A WASTE OF LIFE.

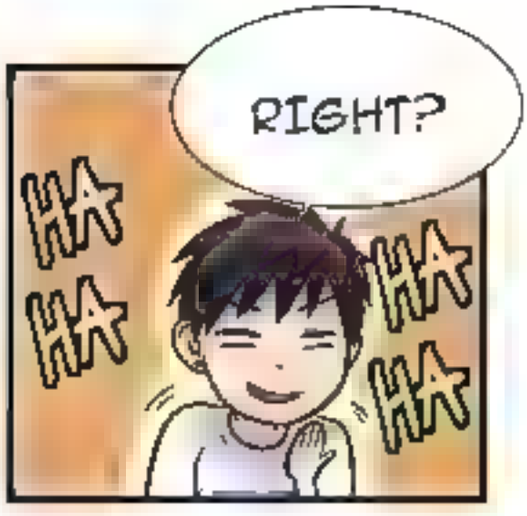

PHAT
YEAH, SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT.

SWOOSH


WOW! YOU CAN GET REAL POTIONS!


ISN'T IT COOL?
TOTALLY. INTANGIBLE ENERGY CAN BE MATERIALIZED LIKE THIS...

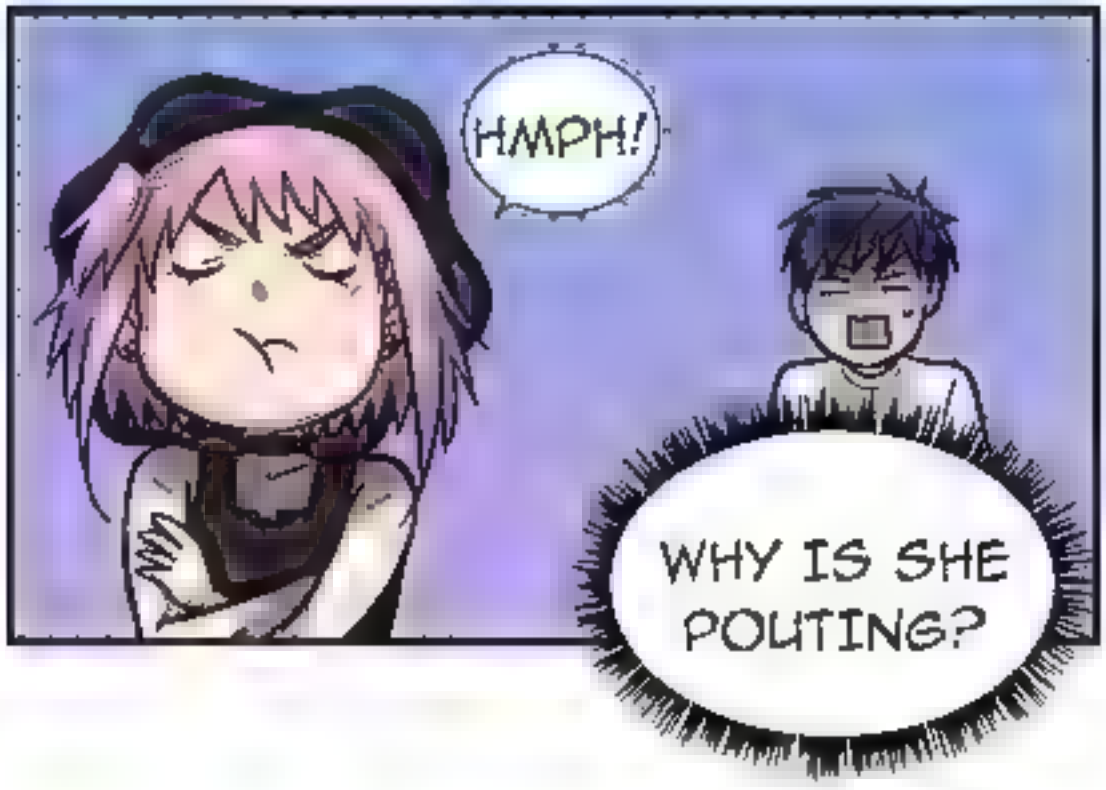
OH, GOSH... YOU'RE LIKE AN ALCHEMIST, HUH?

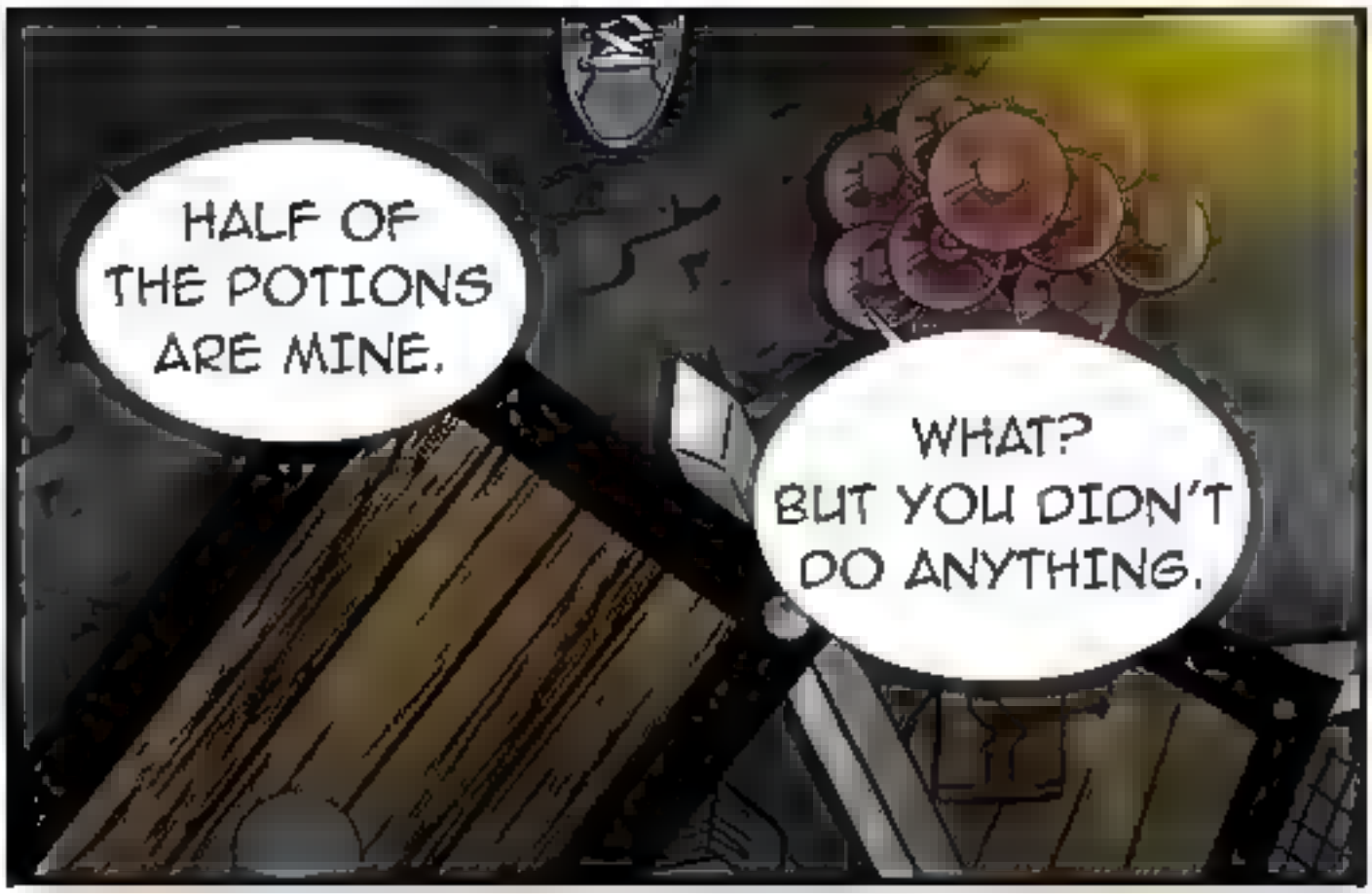

RIGHT?
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA

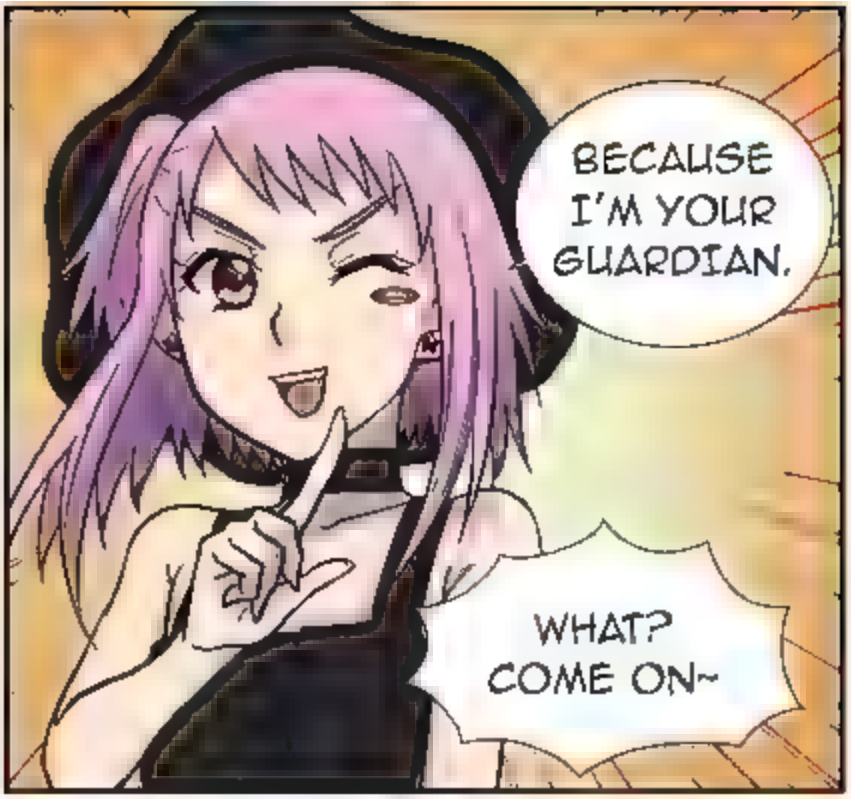
THAT'S SO CHEAP.
HUH? WHY?

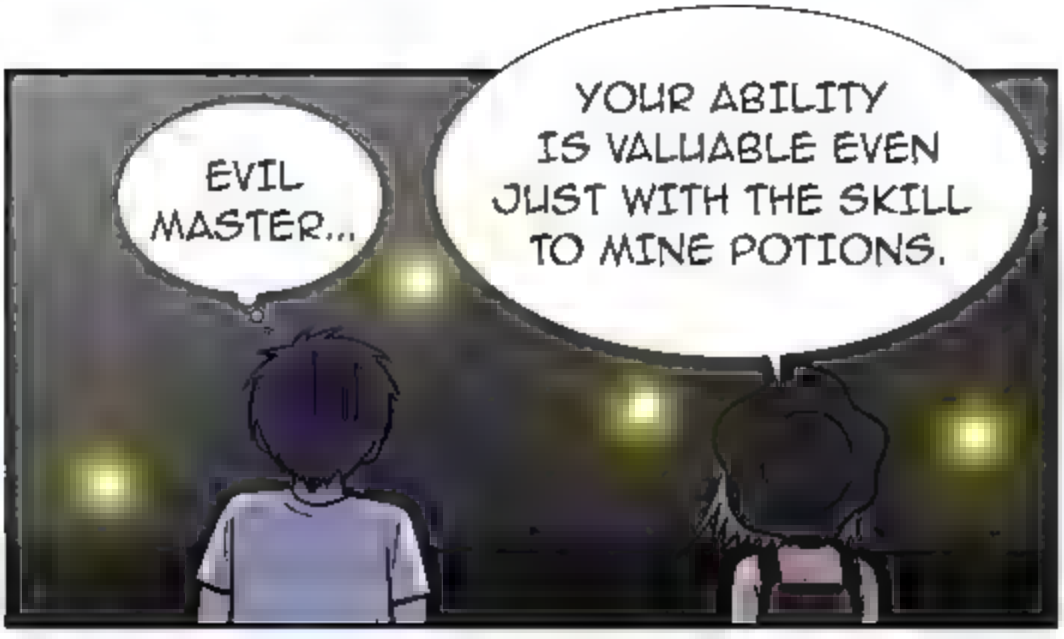
SEEING THAT YOU HAVE SUCH AN OP SKILL... YOU'RE CHEAP.

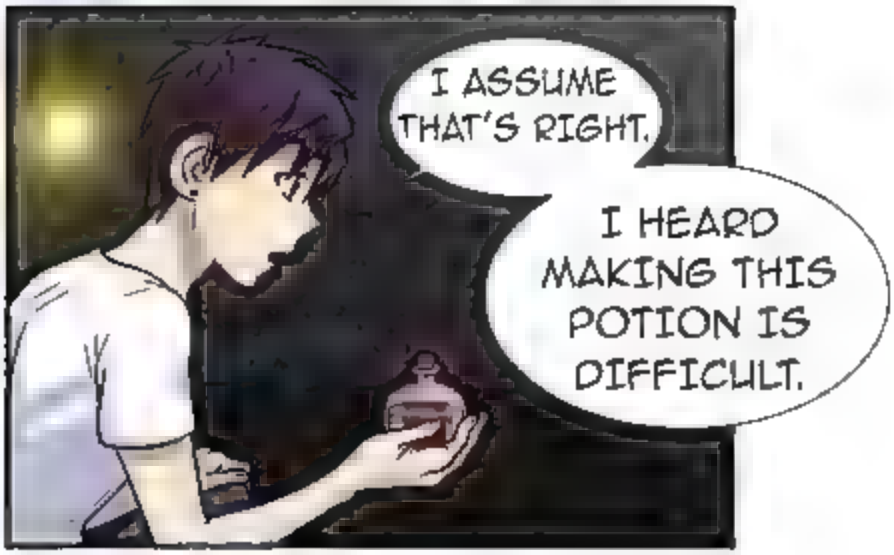
WHY DON'T YOU SPEAK FOR YOURSELF?


HMPH!
WHY IS SHE POUTING?


HALF OF THE POTIONS ARE MINE.
WHAT? BUT YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.

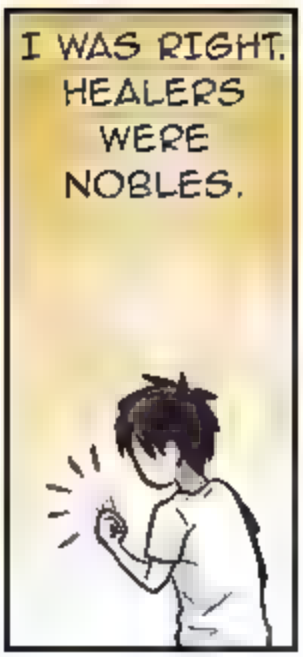

BECAUSE I'M YOUR GUARDIAN.
WHAT? COME ON~

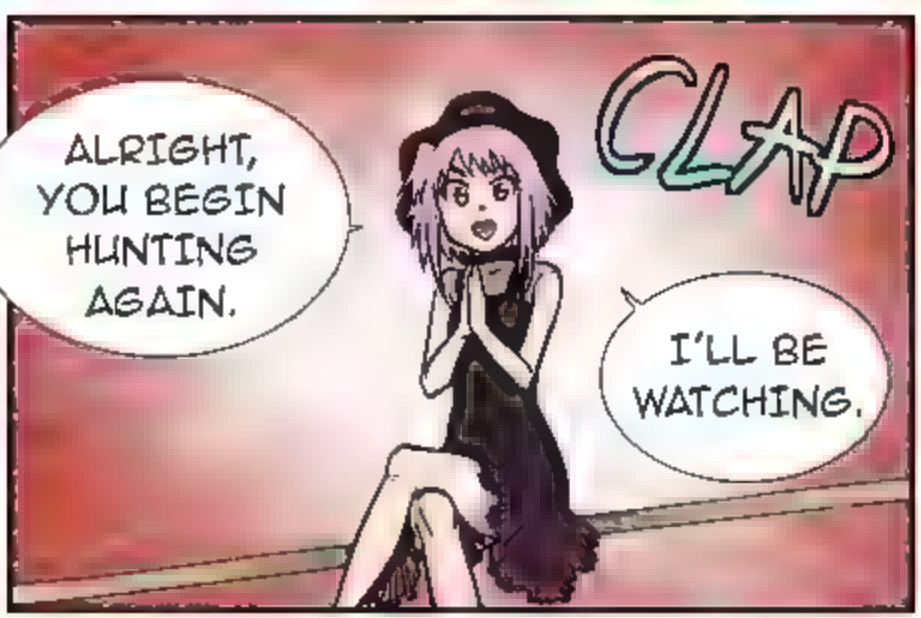

EVIL MASTER...
YOUR ABILITY IS VALUABLE EVEN JUST WITH THE SKILL TO MINE POTIONS.


I ASSUME THAT'S RIGHT.
I HEARD MAKING THIS POTION IS DIFFICULT.

YEAH, IT IS~
BECAUSE REGENERATING BODY TISSUE REQUIRES HIGH LEVEL SKILLS.

IN A SENSE, YOUR CURATIVE ABILITY IS ALSO RARE.

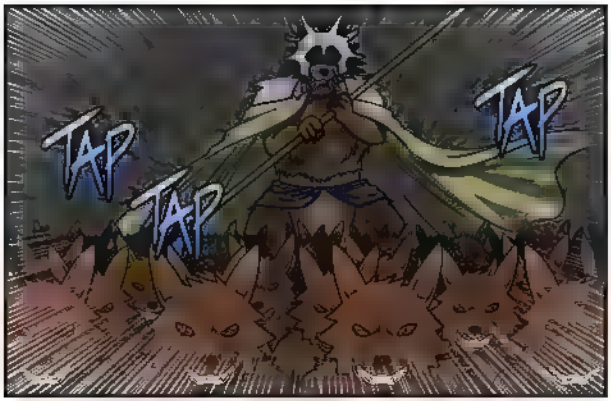

I WAS RIGHT. HEALERS WERE NOBLES.


ALRIGHT, YOU BEGIN HUNTING AGAIN.
CLAP
I'LL BE WATCHING.

LINE Webtoon

THE GAMER

STORY BY SANGYOUNG SEONG
ILLUST BY SANG-A


TAP
TAP
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BOOM
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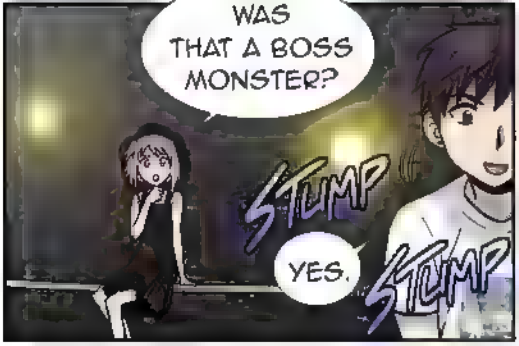
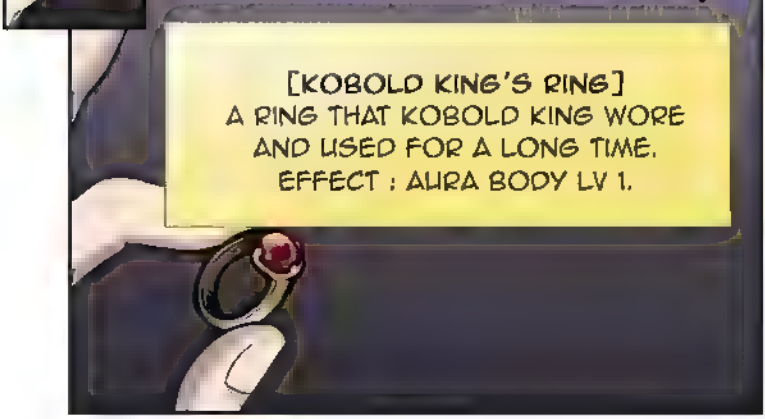
SSSR
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

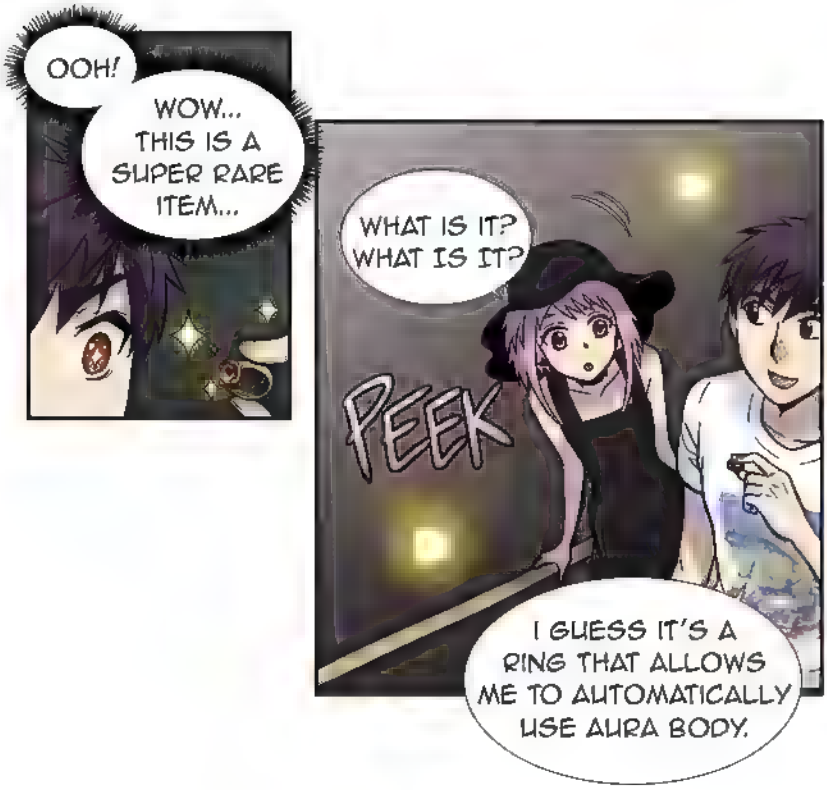
SSSH


WAS THAT A BOSS MONSTER?
STUMP
YES.
STUMP

IT'S WEAK...
IT'S ONLY LEVEL 20.
BUT HE HAS NICE ITEMS.

OBSERVATION.
SSH


[KOBOLD KING'S RING]
A RING THAT KOBOLD KING WORE AND USED FOR A LONG TIME.
EFFECT : AURA BODY LV 1.

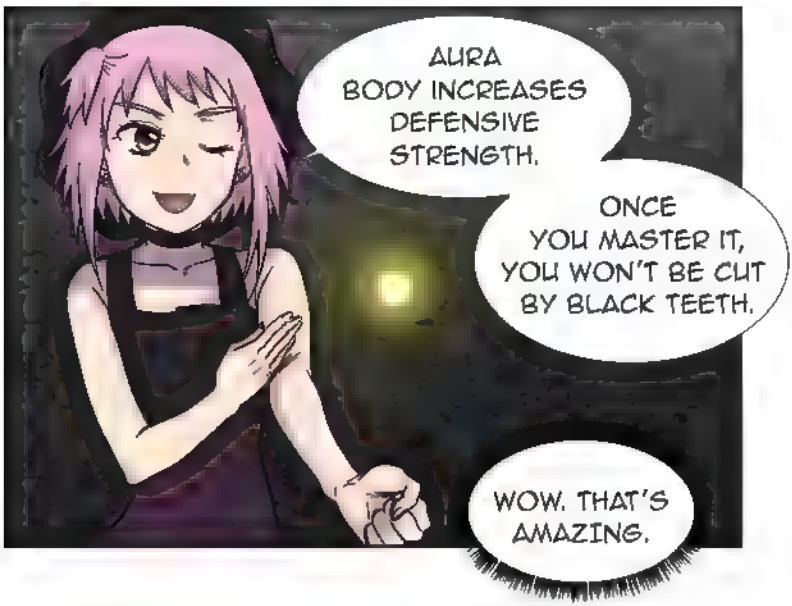

OOH!
WOW... THIS IS A SUPER RARE ITEM...
WHAT IS IT? WHAT IS IT?
PEEK
I GUESS IT'S A RING THAT ALLOWS ME TO AUTOMATICALLY USE AURA BODY.

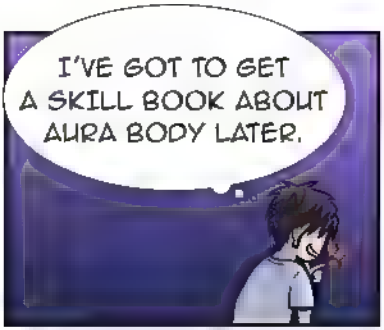
AURA BODY?

AH!
IS THAT THE "BODY STRENGTHENING SKILL" PEOPLE USE?
IS IT?
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT.

FOR EXAMPLE, ENERGY, CHI, OR AURA...
ANYHOW...
A BODY STRENGTHENING SKILL MAKES YOUR BODY INCLUDING THOSE STRONGER.

AH.
IT'S LIKE
CHEON BU'S
EXTERNAL
ENERGY CONTROL
OF THE THREE
SKILLS

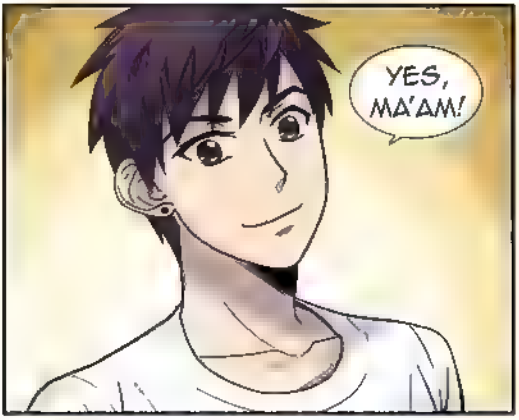

AURA
BODY INCREASES
DEFENSIVE
STRENGTH.
ONCE
YOU MASTER IT,
YOU WON'T BE CUT
BY BLACK TEETH.
WOW. THAT'S
AMAZING.



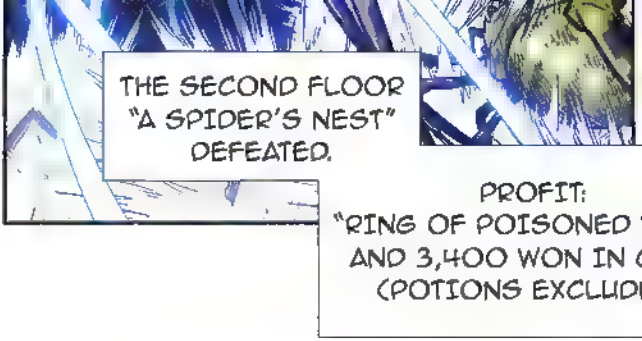
(TN) : DOLLAR ... AROUND 1,000 WON

THIS IS UNFAIR. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WITH A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.
YOU'RE RAKING IN MONEY.
HAHAHAHAHA. I CAME TO THE ABYSS LATE! I SHOULD HAVE AN ADVANTAGE LIKE THIS AT THE VERY LEAST!

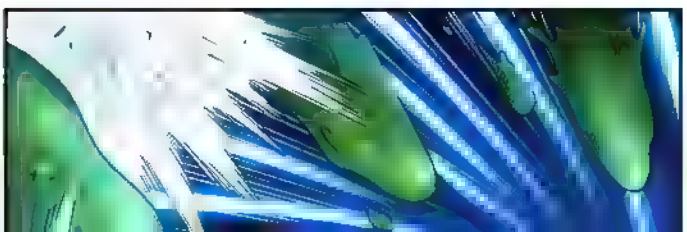
ALRIGHT. STOP BRAGGING. FINISH COLLECTING YOUR ITEMS,
AND LET'S MOVE ON TO THE NEXT FLOOR.

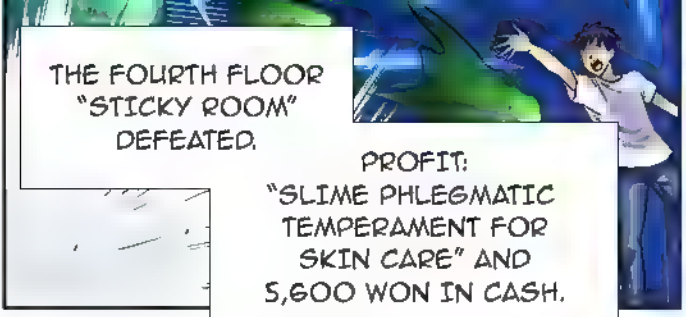


THE GAMER


THE SECOND FLOOR
"A SPIDER'S NEST"
DEFEATED.
PROFIT:
"RING OF POISONED TEETH"
AND 3,400 WON IN CASH.
(POTIONS EXCLUDED)

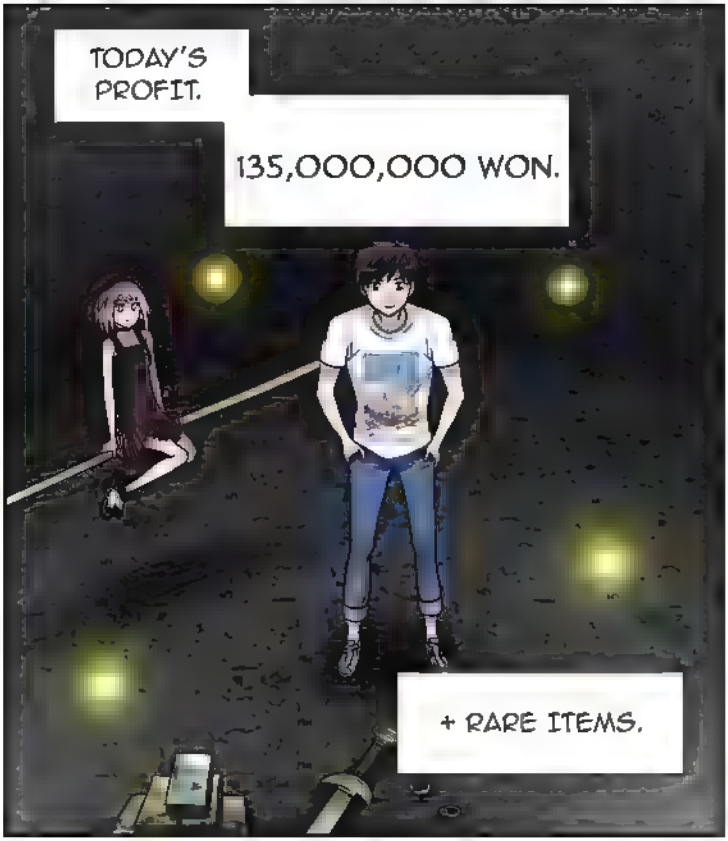
THE THIRD FLOOR
"A LIZARD'S DEN"
DEFEATED.
PROFIT:
"LIZARD KING'S
SCIMITAR (SWORD)"
AND 4,500 WON
IN CASH.

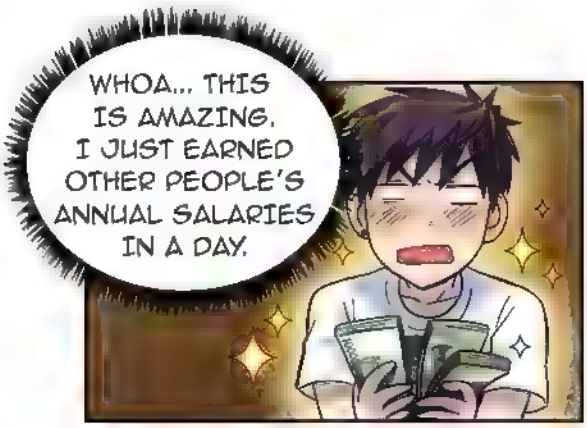



THE FOURTH FLOOR "STICKY ROOM" DEFEATED.
PROFIT: "SLIME PHLEGMATIC TEMPERAMENT FOR SKIN CARE" AND 5,600 WON IN CASH.

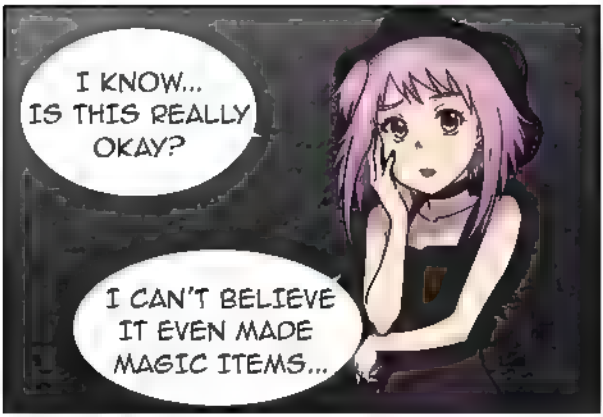
...I WAS SUPPOSED TO GET ALL OF IT, BUT MY MASTER TOOK "SLIME PHLEGMATIC TEMPERAMENT FOR SKIN CARE" FROM ME.

AS A RESULT,
I...IS THIS OKAY FOR ME TO TAKE THEM ALL...?


TODAY'S PROFIT.
135,000,000 WON.
+ RARE ITEMS.


WHOA... THIS IS AMAZING. I JUST EARNED OTHER PEOPLE'S ANNUAL SALARIES IN A DAY.

PLUS,
THESE ARE ALL USEFUL!

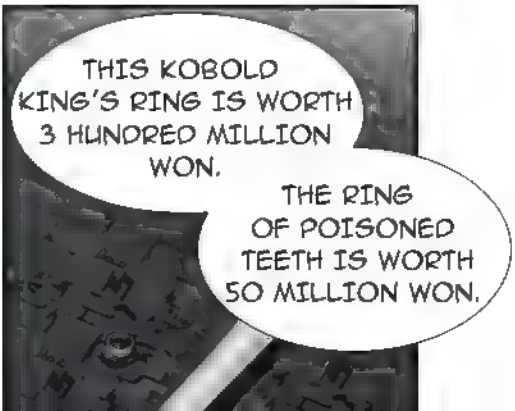

I KNOW... IS THIS REALLY OKAY?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT EVEN MADE MAGIC ITEMS...

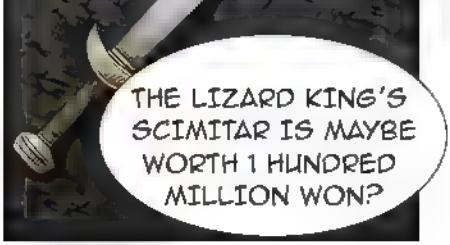
JIHAN, YOU CAN MAKE A FACTORY.

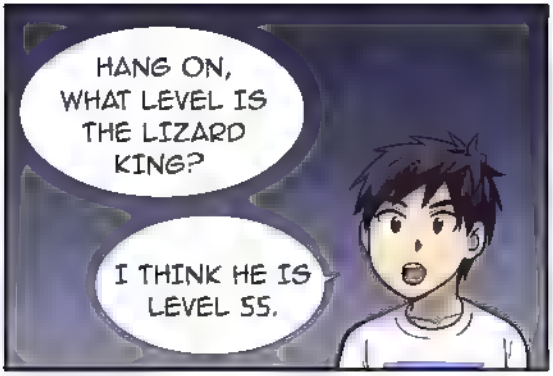
WHAT'S A FACTORY?

SOMEONE WHO MAKES MAGIC ITEMS AND SELLS THEM IS BASICALLY CALLED A 'FACTORY'.
FLOAT

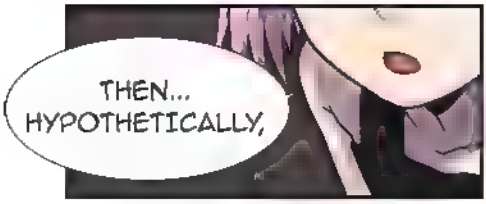
BY THE WAY...
THE EFFECTS ARE ALSO GREAT.


THIS KOBOLD KING'S RING IS WORTH 3 HUNDRED MILLION WON.
THE RING OF POISONED TEETH IS WORTH 50 MILLION WON.


THE LIZARD KING'S SCIMITAR IS MAYBE WORTH 1 HUNDRED MILLION WON?

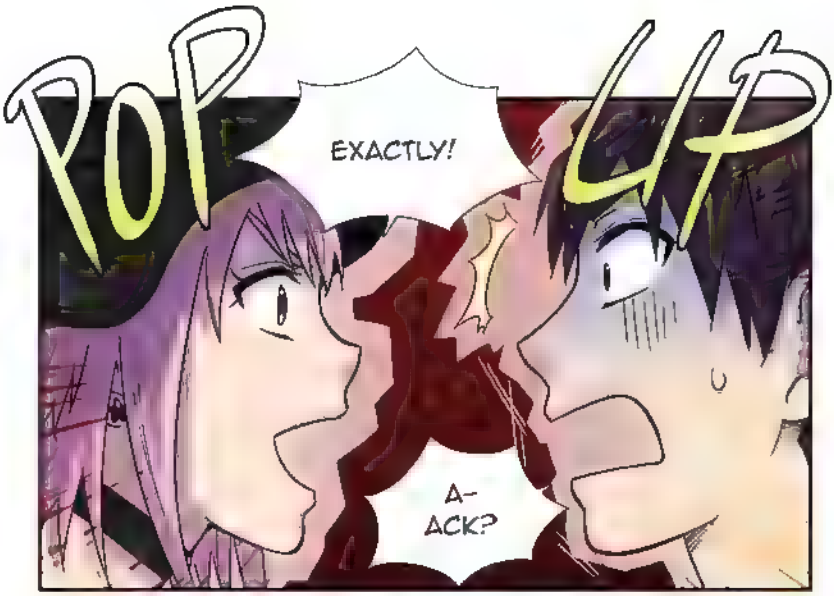

HANG ON, WHAT LEVEL IS THE LIZARD KING?
I THINK HE IS LEVEL 55.

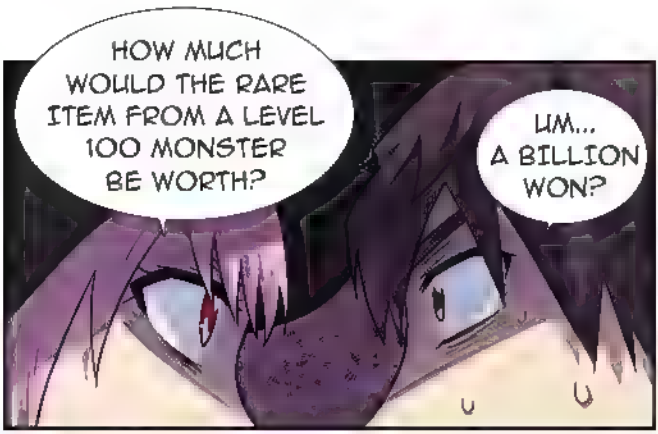
YOU SAID MY LEVEL IS AROUND 130, RIGHT?
YEP.


THEN...
HYPOTHETICALLY,

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU REACH LEVEL 100, AND CREATE A DUNGEON LIKE THIS,
AND DEFEATED AN ILLUSION MONSTER IN A PROTECTED SPACE OF A LEVEL OF 100?

THEY'LL DROP BETTER ITEMS THEN.

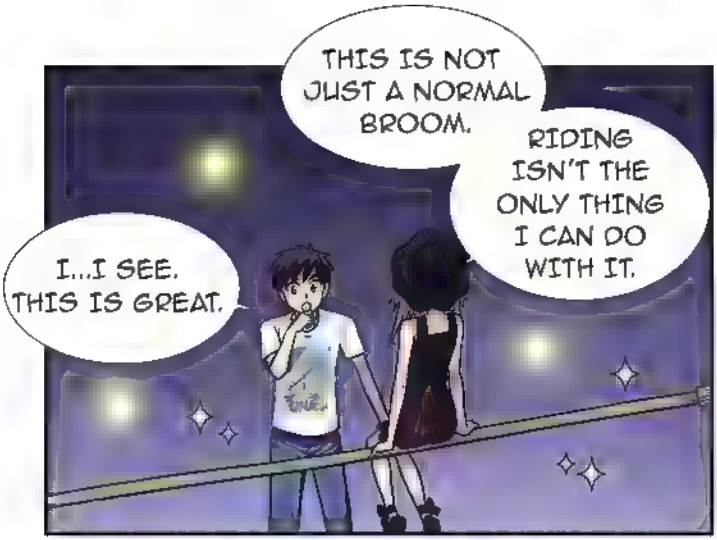

POP
UP
EXACTLY!
A-
ACK?


HOW MUCH WOULD THE RARE ITEM FROM A LEVEL 100 MONSTER BE WORTH?
UM... A BILLION WON?

NOPE!
SLAP
IT GETS MORE EXPENSIVE GEOMETRICALLY!
THIS IS JUST AN ASSUMPTION, BUT,
I THINK YOU CAN GET 10 BILLION WON EASILY AT THAT LEVEL.
ARE YOU SURE?
ABSOLUTELY.

HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK THIS BROOM IS WORTH?
WELL, I DON'T KNOW.

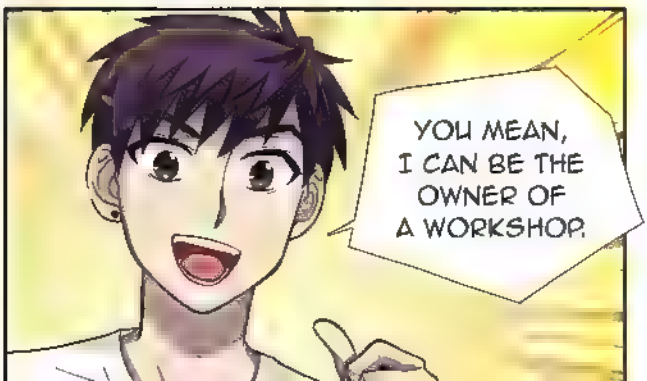
THIS BROOM COSTS 30 BILLION WON! ISN'T THAT AMAZING?
W-WHAT?


THIS IS NOT JUST A NORMAL BROOM.
RIDING ISN'T THE ONLY THING I CAN DO WITH IT.
I...I SEE. THIS IS GREAT.

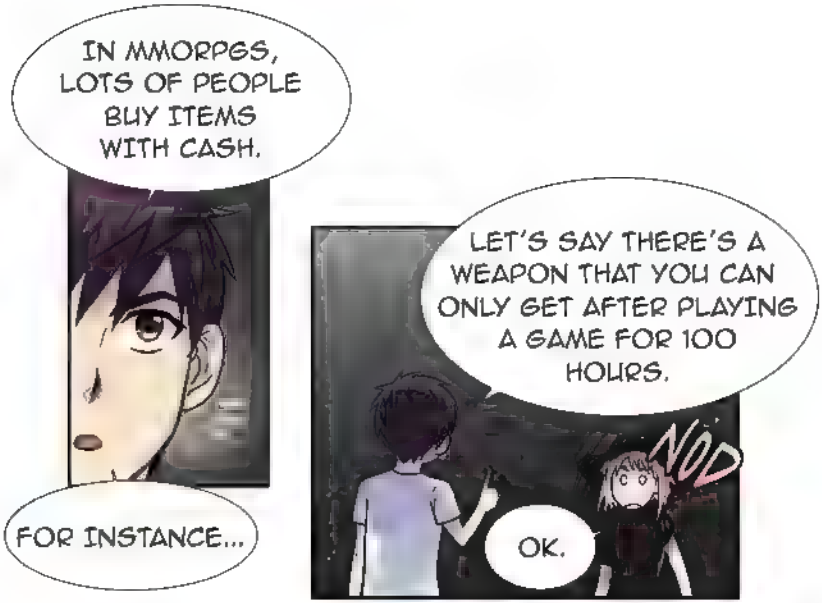
JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE ENOUGH MONEY DOESN'T MEAN YOU ARE CAPABLE OF BUYING SOMETHING THAT COSTS MORE THAN 10 BILLION WON.
WE DON'T KNOW WHO IS CAPABLE OF MAKING THOSE KINDS OF ITEMS OR WHEN THEY'D BE AVAILABLE.
SO, IT'S ALL ABOUT LUCK?

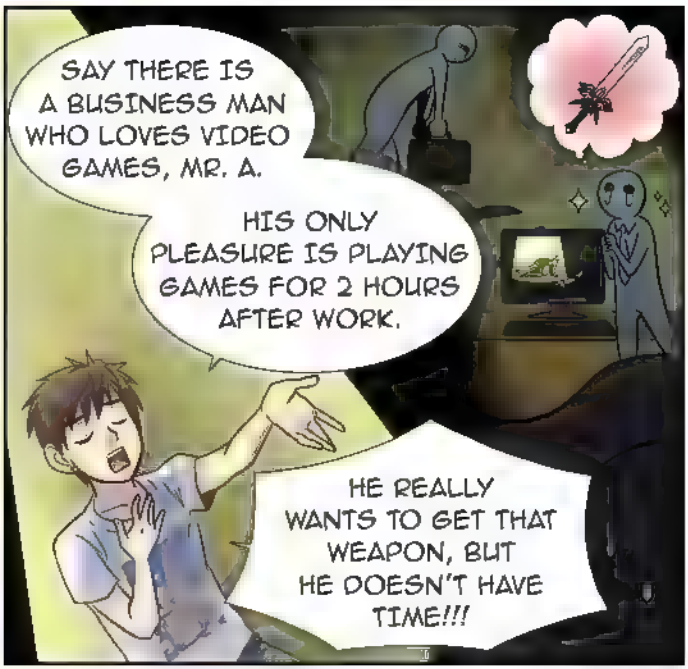
EXACTLY.

BUT...
YOU CAN GET THESE MAGIC ITEMS THROUGH 'MINING' AS LONG AS YOU WANT THEM...
WHICH MEANS

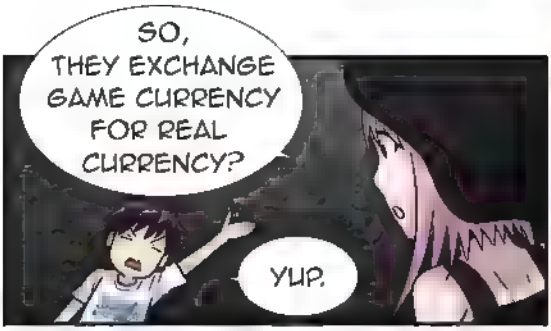

YOU MEAN, I CAN BE THE OWNER OF A WORKSHOP.

WORKSHOP? WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S A SLANG TERM USED IN THE GAMING WORLD.


IN MMORPGS, LOTS OF PEOPLE BUY ITEMS WITH CASH.
FOR INSTANCE...
LET'S SAY THERE'S A WEAPON THAT YOU CAN ONLY GET AFTER PLAYING A GAME FOR 100 HOURS.
NOD
OK.

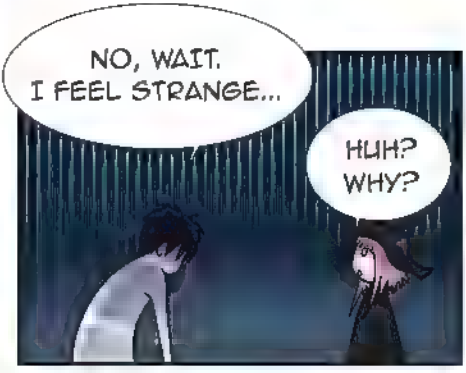

SAY THERE IS A BUSINESS MAN WHO LOVES VIDEO GAMES, MR. A.
HIS ONLY PLEASURE IS PLAYING GAMES FOR 2 HOURS AFTER WORK.
HE REALLY WANTS TO GET THAT WEAPON, BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE TIME!!!

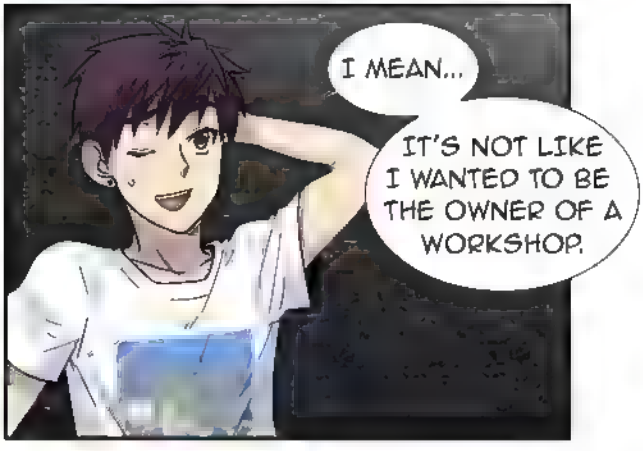
A WORKSHOP TREATS THAT KIND OF PERSON AS A CUSTOMER.
THOSE WHO BELONG TO THE WORKSHOP MAKE GAME MONEY BY PLAYING GAMES ALL DAY LONG.
THEY REALLY SELL THE VIRTUAL ITEMS IN REAL LIFE AND GET CASH.


SO, THEY EXCHANGE GAME CURRENCY FOR REAL CURRENCY?
YUP.

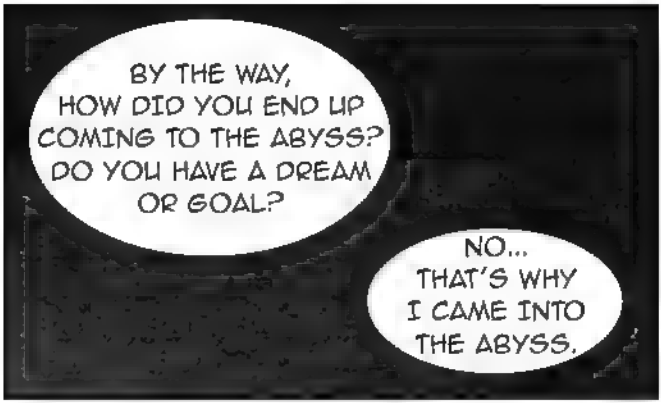
I THINK I GET IT.
IF THAT'S HOW YOU PUT IT...

YOU'RE RIGHT.
JIHAN HAN. YOU'RE QUALIFIED TO BE THE OWNER OF A WORKSHOP!
POINT
WOW!


NO, WAIT.
I FEEL STRANGE...
HUH?
WHY?


I MEAN...
IT'S NOT LIKE
I WANTED TO BE
THE OWNER OF A
WORKSHOP.

AH, SO IT'S NOT YOUR DREAM?
NO.


BY THE WAY, HOW DID YOU END UP COMING TO THE ABYSS? DO YOU HAVE A DREAM OR GOAL?
NO... THAT'S WHY I CAME INTO THE ABYSS.

JUST LIKE THE MAJORITY OF ORDINARY PEOPLE?
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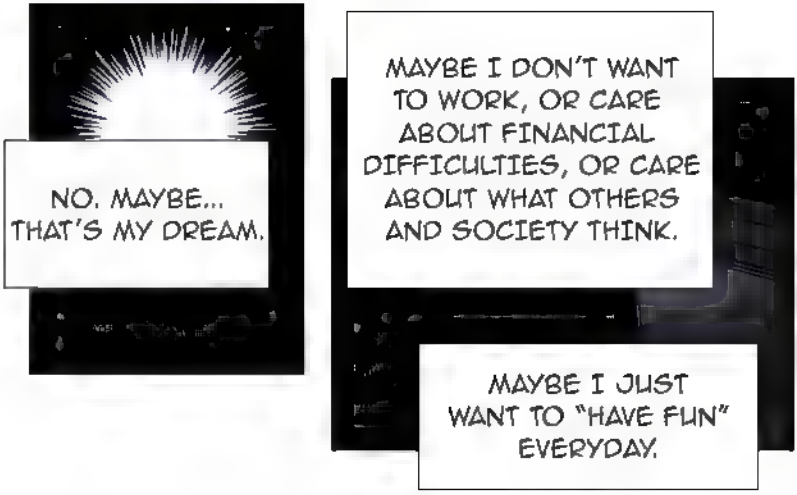
IT'S HARSH BUT TRUE.
I DON'T HAVE A DREAM.
ALL I'VE WANTED IS TO ENJOY MY DAYS BY PLAYING 'GAMES'.

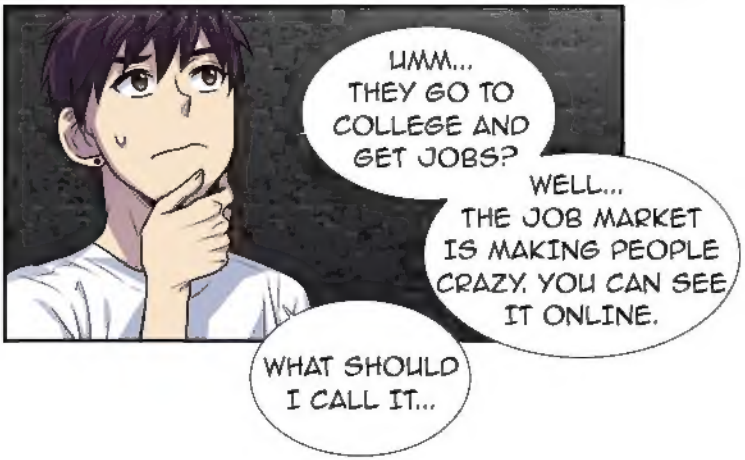

NO. MAYBE... THAT'S MY DREAM.
MAYBE I DON'T WANT TO WORK, OR CARE ABOUT FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES, OR CARE ABOUT WHAT OTHERS AND SOCIETY THINK.
MAYBE I JUST WANT TO "HAVE FUN" EVERYDAY.

HMM.

BUT IS IT NECESSARY TO HAVE A GOAL?

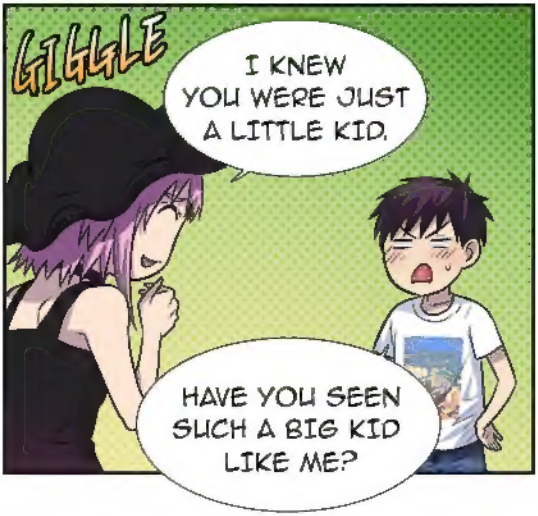
YES?
AFTER ALL, THE ABYSS IS ALSO A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE LIVE.

PEOPLE WHO CAME INTO THE ABYSS,
PEOPLE WHO WERE BORN IN THE ABYSS.
THEY ARE ALL HUMAN AFTER ALL.
SMILE
THEY DON'T LIVE FOR A BIG GOAL OR A BIG DREAM.
IN REAL LIFE, WHAT DO PEOPLE DO?


UMM... THEY GO TO COLLEGE AND GET JOBS?
WELL... THE JOB MARKET IS MAKING PEOPLE CRAZY. YOU CAN SEE IT ONLINE.
WHAT SHOULD I CALL IT...

THEY'RE LIVING IN ORDER TO LIVE.
IS THAT IT?

AH, YEAH! THAT'S HOW I FEEL.


GIGGLE
I KNEW YOU WERE JUST A LITTLE KID.
HAVE YOU SEEN SUCH A BIG KID LIKE ME?

BUT LOOK. YOU KNOW NOTHING.

IT'S THE SAME THING.

EVERYONE IN THE ABYSS IS LIVING IN ORDER TO LIVE AS WELL.

WHAT?

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